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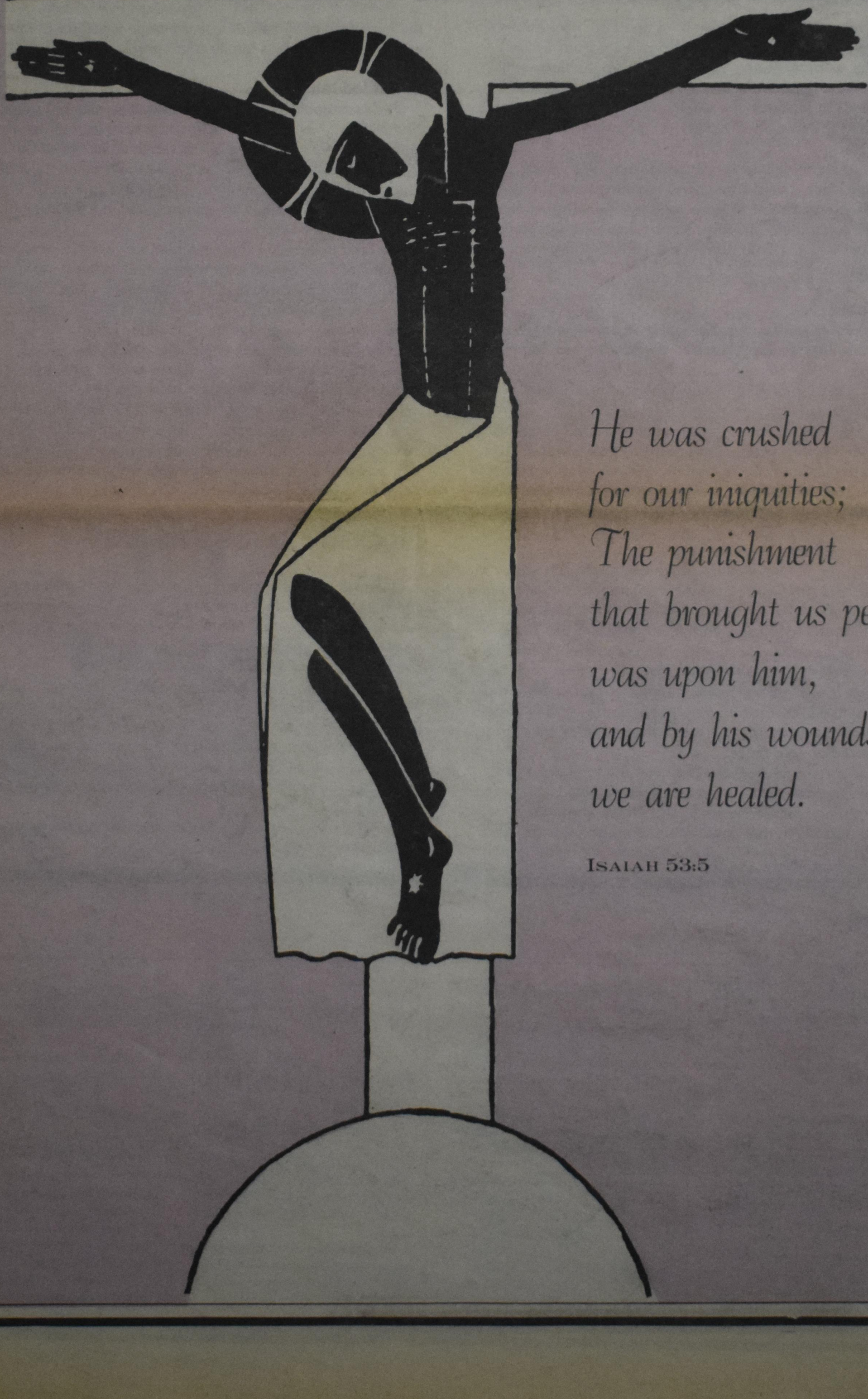

He was crushed
for our iniquities;
The punishment
that brought us peace
was upon him,
and by his wounds
we are healed.

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Editorial

Undefiled religion in the 1600s and now

Now that my wife, two youngest boys and I are back from our two-week stay in Holland, I may as well pick up from where I left the reader with my March 15 editorial "Cap the buds until we're back." I am happy to report that I never had occasion to use an umbrella in Holland, the weather was dull and cool most of the time and the tulips had not come up further than they had here in Ontario.

I was able to combine business and pleasure. We visited relatives and friends, heard three good sermons (one in Frisian!), and I talked with the Editor of *Friesch Dagblad* and a member of the church editorial team of *Trouw* (both papers are Christian dailies). Future issues will no doubt reflect some of the fruits of these encounters.

A sinister past

For my personal satisfaction, I was able to trace my roots as a member of the Witvoet family back to the 1600s. I am happy to report that our family originally came from Almelo in Overijssel, where there is still a farm called "Nieuw Witvoet," and a street called "Witvoetenstraat."

I am sorry to have to report to our readers that on March 10 in the year 1649 a certain Maria Witvoet from Almelo was condemned to death on the accusation that she communicated with the devil and had tried to poison her daughter-in-law. She was transported to the centre of the city on a sleigh and at the place of execution was beheaded, after which her head was put on a pin and her body on a wheel.

The truth is out. Those readers who always suspected that my spiritual status was in doubt now have confirmation: I hail from a long line of witches. No wonder my editorials were not quite Reformed nor entirely in line with the Scriptures. Satan has a long reach and a mere three centuries do not prevent him from doing his work through another Witvoet.

But enough frivolity at my family's expense. I know from our family history that Christ has also done His work. Besides, Maria Witvoet was probably mentally ill and became the victim of the superstitions of her own times.

I am never very much bothered by what my forefathers and mothers were anyway. I find it interesting to say the least, but I see enough sin and failure in myself and others around me that nothing surprises me in that department. And isn't this the time of Good Friday and Easter? Those two events cut right through the hypocrisy of so-called decent people who boast of pious ancestors and spotless family circumstances.

Undefiled religion

The same could be said about the situation of the churches in The Netherlands. Some people come back from a visit to the old country lamenting the sins of the Dutch churches and the Reformed community. But have they really taken a careful look at their own churches and their own faith expression? Who can stand when the refiner's fire comes to test the purity of *our* religion?

We read in James 1 that undefiled religion is to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep ourselves from being polluted by the world. The statement taken in its broadest sense is a description of a full-time job. If we take this job seriously, we should have very little time left to criticize others who try, but make mistakes too.

My impression of The Netherlands is that quite a few people still try, but they make mistakes.

In the meantime, Christ is risen, and He makes all things new ... Witvoet family tree, church development and the business of nations (even if our Prime Minister did precious little about acid rain and undefiled religion in his talks with President Reagan while we were in Holland).

Nobody loses this way

One of our elderly subscribers placed an advertisement in *Calvinist Contact* some time ago in which he asked to meet a widow. The ad brought him a response, which in the meantime has led to a marriage. *Calvinist Contact* thereby lost a subscription, of course. The lady cancelled hers.

Writes the man who placed the ad: "Partly your own doing. The start was the ad in C.C., remember? I am the winner this time! As my pastor said, 'You can't beat it, a wife for $15.' I trust you will get compensation for the loss of a subscriber."

What can we at C.C. say, except, we did not lose a subscriber, we gained two happy ones! Congratulations to the newlyweds.

Moral: when you advertise in *Calvinist Contact* everybody ends up being winners.

Letters

Miscellaneous thoughts and thank yous

I have been wanting to write ever since I read the Christmas issue, but somehow didn't get around to it.

A belated "thank you" for the wonderful Christmas issue. I especially enjoyed the story "Martin expects a visitor." I read it with tears in my eyes. It reminds me of times we invite strangers to our house for a meal or a cup of coffee. It may be a truck driver or a salesman. Or the times when we answer our CB radio in the middle of the night because someone is stuck in the snow on the 402.

I seldom talk on the CB because I think I'm still afraid to talk to strangers, or because I don't know what to say. But sometime last month, I heard a distress call. I didn't really want to wake up my husband.

I sat there thinking, "What if I called for Jesus and He would not answer me; wouldn't that be awful?" So I answered that call. (My husband did take over after that.)

I really enjoy Herman de Jong and Syrt Wolters. I always look forward to their writings. I really miss them when you skip an issue.

I just read Henry Wildeboer's letter in the March 8th issue and I too would like to say, forget about the "women in office" issue for a few years. Maybe something dramatic (or should it be traumatic?) has to happen that will change the minds of people who are against women in office.

I believe the Lord will show us, in *His* due time, what is the right thing to do.

Clare Iedema-Vande Kemp,
Strathroy, Ont.

Take the beam out of our eye first

Thank you for the C.C. of February 22, 1985.

In your editorial "The Church Moves in Mysterious Ways," I have to disagree with you as you criticize the Discovery Singers with their white teeth and nice clothes.

I think these people try to bring God's Word in preaching and song to a lost world. Also the preaching is good and biblical, which I think is sometimes lacking in the CRC. We have enough troubles in our own CRC that we should refrain from criticizing other churches. Maybe we should take the beam out of our own eye before we try to take the sliver out of somebody else's eye.

J. Niewenhuis,
Lethbridge, Alta.

Tankful subscribers

We had been unaware of the great power of letters to the editor of C.C., but now we know.

Some "anonymous giver" has stepped in to ensure that we will remain "tanked up" with the news and perspective of C.C. even though our own budget could not afford it. We'll do our part: we accept with joyful hearts!

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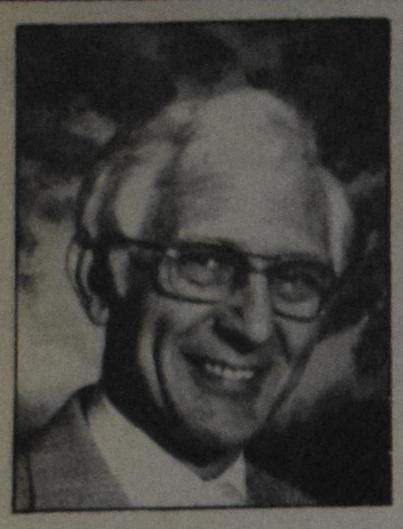

Counting heads

Every time the summer holidays come around, I need a few days to unwind. Going on a camping trip as soon as possible after the closing of school is good therapy. Not that I am an avid camper, far from it.

When I go, I'm not a mere camper, but a principal in charge of as many children as cavort all over the camping grounds and the beaches.

I may nest myself comfortably at the beach in my favourite chair with my favourite book, but that does not stop me from counting the heads of the children in the water. If I count 20 of them at a given time, you can rest assured that a few minutes later I'll have another head-count, just to make sure that one didn't accidentally stay under water beyond human limitations.

It takes me about two weeks to rid myself of this unsolicited responsibility for someone else's offspring. Yes, after two weeks I don't count heads anymore and don't care about the goings on in the fresh water of our lakes.

Then the vacation really begins although often it marks the time for breaking camp again.

Mind you, when I'm sitting near the water counting heads, I invariably think of my Lord. He counts heads, too. In fact, He does it continually. He never tires of it, He never stops it, and He is always ready to act immediately when an emergency occurs. He is the Shepherd of the sheep. He knows them all by name, and they listen to His voice.

Have you and I ever fully considered the consequences of His counting heads? Have we often enough thankfully realized that He watches, so to speak, your head and mine as well? Isn't it comforting to know that He also looks after Johnny and Mary who often go too far into the water of life?

I find immense comfort in the thought that without the will of His Father not a hair of our heads will be left unnumbered. Not one hair will fall out, either.

That means spiritual hair as well.

Think of it.

William Rang is principal of the Christian School in Dunnville, Ont.

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The second sign at the crucifixion

And the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints that had fallen asleep were raised; and coming forth out of the tombs after his resurrection, they entered into the holy city and appeared unto many.
Matthew 27:51b, 52 and 53.

... The second sign is connected with the earthquake. This second sign is a cry rising from the coming church of the dead. The graves were opened, and many bodies buried in them were laid bare.

If we choose, we may regard this as a natural result of the earthquake. However, we may not take this attitude inasmuch as we are told that many of the dead were aroused to life, that they stepped out of the grave, and appeared to many in the holy city. We cannot doubt that the reference is to a definite resurrection from the dead of these people.

Inasmuch as the earthquake is not a "natural" phenomenon of nature but must be regarded as a sign, we can say that this whole complex of events is to be characterized as a miracle.

Yes we see people rising from their graves. Hades opens itself and makes a statement. Christ enters into Hades. He enters into the realm of the dead, but in the same moment the mouth of Hades opens and the dead make their appearance and begin to speak.

They arise for the sake of Christ. We understand that at once. That in itself is a glorious message. Irrespective of what they wish to say or not to say, what they wish to do or not to do, the fact that human beings come for the sake of Christ at this time is already a happy message.

We know that the angels do very little in the history of the passion of Christ. The angel who did come to Gethsemane was the last one. Recall the host of angels who came on Christmas eve and it strikes you as worth remarking that the angels had a very little share in the passion of Christ.

But now, although the angels do not appear, men rise up to prophesy, and to point to the Christ. Plainly, this is progress. For it is good when angels speak to men, but it is better when men themselves point their finger in the direction of Christ.

We know that salvation is not for the angels, but for men. A servant is much, but a son is more. The angel is the servant, but man is the son in the house of God. Yes, indeed, God has made progress.

True, He has not yet reached the point He wants to reach, for the messengers of the day are but the people of Hades. And God prefers preachers who are the stalwart fishers of flesh and blood. He prefers the workaday people of Corinth to the people of Hades; for no one preaching in the busy market-place of life, can constitute a more effective proof of His power than these.

Be that as it may, these are people, these sons of Hades. Inasmuch as they rise from the dead, they are the first fruits of the power of Christ. Is not this glorious? Now men refuse to be pushed off the stage.

Taken from Volume III of Klaas Schilder's trilogy on the passion of Christ, chapter 23.

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Thank you, anonymous giver.

Stanley & Christine Carlson-Thies,
Richvale, California

Not an automatic liberal

After reading the long letter from Rev. Martin, I was hurt, just as I was in 1944. At that time I was told by my brothers in the Lord that we had made the wrong choice not to liberate ourselves from the Gereformeerde Kerken. From then on we belonged to a false Reformed church (they said).

Rev. Martin informed us he considers himself to belong to the "orthodox wing" of the CRC. No objection here. But does that mean that if someone cannot follow him in his opinion that person then automatically becomes a liberal member of the CRC?

A liberal in my opinion is someone who does not take God's plan of salvation seriously. He has the wrong idea of who Christ is, often has no awareness of his sin, and does not need Christ as his mediator but is willing to live a good life.

I am sure, Mr. Editor, there are many members like us who love the Lord with their whole heart, and will do everything for the CRC, the church they love, but do not want to be pushed into the liberal camp.

This is also written in a spirit of love and concern.

Harry Mulder Sr.,
Brampton, Ont.

Kersten no longer with RCBPA

Thank you for your excellent coverage of the recent RCBPA convention.

For the benefit of your readers, however, and for the over 130 delegates who attended the convention, perhaps I should clarify my current role. Early last year Redeemer College "loaned" me to the RCBPA to serve as its Executive Director on a half-time basis until the conclusion of the first annual convention. Now that the convention is over, I am no longer associated with the RCBPA in any capacity.

My experiences over the past year, however, have convinced me more than ever that an organization such as the RCBPA is absolutely necessary. A formal forum must be provided for our business and professional community where the challenge of "doing our business Christianly" can be addressed and struggled with.

After 30 years of talk and several failed attempts, the opportunity is now presented to get an exciting, viable and very necessary organization off the ground.

It is my prayer that the new Board of Directors of the RCBPA will seize the opportunity at hand and — with humility and full dependence on the Lord — move forward with vision and courage.

Arend Kersten,
Former, part-time interim
Executive Director of the RCBPA

Society

Christian Reformed Church Western classes continue

Marian Van Til

The winter meetings of the Christian Reformed Church classes in Canada are now over. Classes Alberta North and South, British Columbia, Eastern Canada, and Minnesota North — the CRC's only "international" classis — have all met in the last four weeks. (The other Canadian classes met in January. We reported on them in the February 15 issue).

Below is a summary of the major decisions taken by each classis, including responses to the "women in office" issue:

Classis Alberta North

Alberta North allowed the organization of a congregation in Ponoka. It defeated an overture from Ebenezer Leduc asking that a specific Sunday after Pentecost be designated "Parousia Sunday" which would allow for special attention to Christ's second coming.

Classis defeated an overture from Fellowship Edmonton requesting the delegation of deacons to major assemblies (classes and synods). However, classis did decide to overture synod to appoint a committee to study this matter.

Women in Office

Alberta North received 15 overtures on "women in office," eight of which came from individuals.

After considering separately each of the consistory-generated overtures, classis did not accede to any of them. This negative response was also considered to be the answer to the overtures sent by individuals.

Classis did not accept its pre-advice committee's recommendation that synod be asked to clarify some of its statements on the limited diaconal role for women and a pastor's freedom to excuse himself from taking part in women's ordination by reason of conscience. A recommendation that classis warn against the use of such expressions as "unbiblical" and "divisive" in the debates was adopted by a substantial margin.

Classis Alberta South

Alberta South adopted an overture which asks synod to request the committee charged with examining the structure of the CRC to include in its study "consideration of a single unified World Ministries Board which would include responsibility for CRWRC, CRWM, Home Missions and the Back to God Hour." Classis envisions such a board's task being to co-ordinate policies, recommend senior agency staff positions, establish program priorities, and to contribute to the "effective and efficient use of resources" in the church's ministry.

Classis will request synod to study the matter of deacons "being represented and delegated to the Major Assemblies" of the CRC. However, it decided that deaconesses cannot be seated at Classis meetings.

Classis has established a four-person committee which will assist local churches (when they so desire) in establishing effective youth ministries, including training of youth leaders.

Women in Office

Maranatha Lethbridge presented an overture, adopted by classis, which asks synod to require a 2/3 majority vote (rather than a simple majority) for any revision of the church order.

Classis adopted an overture which requests synod to prepare a pastoral letter for the churches "that includes the concerns expressed in the 1984 Synodical Majority Reports' 'Preliminary Caution'" that we not quickly label and distrust each other. Classis also wants synod to warn that, "We are in danger of single-issue

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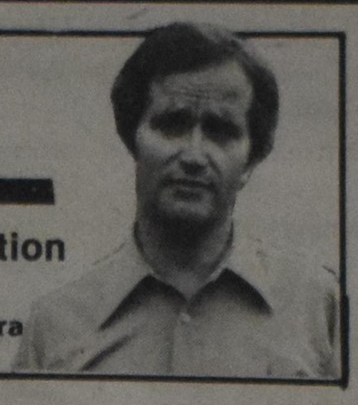
Bernard Zylstra



Gorbachev — Imprisoned by his own system?

It would be an illusion on our part to think that Mikhail Gorbachev, Russia's new leader, is free to make drastic changes in Soviet domestic and foreign policy in the near future. He may be young, impatient, and dynamic. But in a fundamental way Gorbachev himself is a prisoner of Russia's totalitarian system. As long as that system remains, its leaders will be hemmed in by it. Hence Gorbachev's range of freedom in finding new solutions to old problems is quite minimal.

Domestic situation

On the home front, Russia's main problem is the poor performance of its economy. That performance is close to the bottom of that of all the industrialized nations. Even within the communist block, nations like East Germany and Hungary do a much better job in managing their economies than Russia does. Gorbachev, following the footsteps of Andropov, is of course fully aware of this poor performance. Between 1978 and 1984 he was in charge of Russia's agriculture, and during those years he was confronted with one disastrous harvest after another.

So it is not in the least surprising that Gorbachev, in his acceptance speech as General Secretary of the Communist Party, spoke of a "decisive turn" that Russia has to make and that the economy has to move to the "tracks of intensive development." Gorbachev has in mind fighting corruption and bureaucratic waste as well as streamlining the current system.

Undoubtedly such reforms will help, but they do not get to the heart of the problem. The trouble with Russia's economic performance is the economic system itself. It is a bureaucratic, centrally-governed, collectivized economy, with decisions made at the centre in Moscow. There is extremely little freedom for economic responsibility and initiative at the local farm or factory level. Olin Robison, a Soviet expert, has commented, "A very sad fact about Soviet agriculture is that it really does produce enough food to feed the people. But the methods of preserving, transporting, and distributing that food are so archaic that the losses are phenomenal."

Bureaucrats benefit

Why then no drastic change, even like the ones initiated by Deng in China? Because Russia's economic system, as it functions today, is of direct personal benefit to the bureaucrats who run it. These bureaucrats belong to the *nomenklatura*, the one million members of the decision-making elite at the top of Russia's hierarchic system.

This elite benefits from the way things are run today. They are not in the least interested in surrendering their priveleged status. They are horrified by the possibility of drastic economic and political change. They will oppose basic changes suggested by Gorbachev, who can only govern with the implicit support of this "ruling class." For many years to come, Gorbachev will be imprisoned by this system which produced him and which he has now inherited.

Foreign policy

And what about foreign policy? Russia's foreign policy is again largely dictated by the interests of its ruling class. The overriding foreign policy interest of that class is the maintenance of its own power base at home, and this means maintaining Russia's power, as now constituted, abroad. This overall policy means:

1. That no substantial internal change in the Eastern European countries will be permitted. Gorbachev will continue the pattern of oppression begun in Hungary in 1956, continued in Czechoslovakia in 1968, and climaxed in Poland in the last few years.
2. That Russia will seek new forms of cooperation with China because it shares such a long border with the world's most populous country.
3. That Russia will support liberation movements in the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America, not so much for ideological reasons, but to harm America's interests.
4. That Russia will continue to pursue nuclear arms limitations in its relation with America because its ruling class is not interested in nuclear suicide.

Gorbachev will pursue these policies at home and abroad with more flare and vigour than Andropov and Chernenko. But the policies are dictated to him by the system of the past.

New initiatives for a more peaceful international order will not come from Gorbachev in the near future. Hence, as I have stressed in the past, they should come from our side of the Iron Curtain. Thank God, we are less imprisoned than Russia is.

Bernard Zylstra is President of the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto, Ont.

"women in office" debate

orientation. Classis is also asking synod for a five-year moratorium on any synodical discussion of opening the offices of evangelist, elder, or minister to women. The debate took up one afternoon of Classis' two-day meeting.

Classis British Columbia

Classis adopted its own overture, recommended by its pre-advice committee, requesting synod not to implement any final decision regarding the CRWRC/CRWM merger until 1986. According to Stated Clerk Tony Schweitzer, implementation as such was not opposed: it is hoped that when it does occur, it will not be to CRWRC's disadvantage, as some see present merger proposals.

It was out of this discussion that an overture requesting synod to clarify the role of deacons in the CRC, as based on Report 32 in the 1981 Acts of Synod, was adopted. (That report reviewed "synodical studies on women in office and decisions pertaining to the office of deacon").

Women in Office

Classis received overtures from its Agassiz, Chilliwack, Smithers, Telkwa, and Vernon churches asking for a rescinding or altering of the 1984 decision allowing female deacons. A New Westminster overture requested postponing implementation of that decision for two years. (It did not suggest how churches who have already ordained female deacons should be dealt with).

A pre-advice committee was of split opinion. After about 3 hours of debate, and a close vote, classis did not sustain any of the six overtures.

Classis Eastern Canada

Classis approved an overture from Charlottetown, P.E.I. which requested that Indian ministries support (recommended by the Council of Christian Reformed Churches in Canada) no longer be levied as a quota, but be collected via church offerings.

Eastern Canada urged its churches to give that portion of quota no longer required for Calvin College and Seminary to Redeemer College in Hamilton, Ontario. A request from Montreal that this amount be divided between Redeemer and Toronto's Institute for Christian Studies (ICS) was defeated.

Women in Office

Eastern Canada received only two overtures related to "women in office." Classis did not accede to an Athens, Ontario overture which wanted to "submit a protest to the Synod of 1985" about the 1984 decision allowing female deacons.

Classis passed with an overwhelming majority the other overture on this subject which was submitted by the John Calvin Truro, Nova Scotia church. It will overture synod "for a revision of the following (1984) decision: 'that pastors are not expected to participate in the ordination of women if it is against their conscience.'" (1984 *Acts of Synod*, Art 88.2, p. 638).

Classis believed this decision is "contrary to the spirit of church unity."

Debate on both overtures lasted less than an hour.

Classis Minnesota North

Minnesota North decided to treat "monies saved" which once would have gone to Calvin College and Seminary as a quota. Since Minnesota North includes churches in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ontario, and Manitoba, support will likely be divided between Redeemer College, Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa, and The King's College in Edmonton, Alberta.

Women in Office

Classis received six overtures on "women in office," five from consistories and one from a "concerned group" from the Kildonan Winnipeg church.

Each overture requested that the 1984 decision allowing female deacons be changed in some way. Classis accepted, by a 30-17 vote, a recommendation of the majority of its pre-advice committee in not acceding to any of the six overtures. It further adopted that committee's majority recommendation that: synod be asked "to study in the light of scripture the precise nature and extent of the authority of the diaconal office," and that synod be requested "to clarify its understanding of Belgic Confession Article 30 which states that "faithful men" are to be chosen for the office of deacon."

Debate on the topic took about one-half hour, aside from procedural matters.

Synodical delegates

Alberta North
Pastors: Charles Fennema (Bethel Edmonton), Alvin Venema (Covenant Edmonton)
Elders: Jim Visser (Fellowship Edmonton), Evert Emmelkamp (3rd Edmonton).

Alberta South
Pastors: Jacob Binnema (Nobleford), Wayne Brouwer (Iron Springs)
Elders: W.H. Verveda (Emmanuel Calgary), John Vander Wekken (Brooks).

British Columbia
Pastors: Robert De Moor (1st Langley), John Groen (Burnaby)
Elders: Gerry Ensing (Burnaby), Hank Vanderveen (1st Langley).

Eastern Canada
Pastors: Bernard Bakker (John Calvin Truro, NS), William Suk (Hebron Renfrew, Ont.)
Elders: Mel Mellissen (Calvary Ottawa), John Holleman (Kentville, NS).

Minnesota North
Pastors: Norman Shepherd (1st Minneapolis), John Bylsma (Calvary Minneapolis)
Elders: Marion Van Someren (1st Minneapolis), Herman Ahrenholz (Wilmar, Minn.).

Christian male choirs festival of song

C.C. staff

Male choristers from the Sarnia Christian Male Chorus, the St. Thomas Crescendos, the St. Catharines Collegium Musicum and the Burlington Christian Male Chorus recently joined their hosts, the Ambassadors of Hamilton, for an evening of song.

The concert was held in the First Christian Reformed Church of Hamilton on Saturday, February 23, before a full house.

The combined groups, forming a massed choir of 125 voices, produced some moving music, especially on "Psalm 42" and "Now Thank We All Our God."

The individual choruses had practised the music for this evening on their own last fall and spent that Saturday afternoon putting their numbers together for the evening performance.

This musical event, a first for Southern Ontario, will next be held in St. Thomas during [illegible] February, 1986, hosted by the Crescendos.

Calvinist Contact: Bringing the Christian community together

The stock objection to the graphic realism with which some artists depict certain gospel events was answered some years ago by the French American painter André Girard.

In a chapel he had decorated, Girard was told by a woman visitor, "Monsieur Girard, I do not like your *Crucifixion*, it is so unpleasant."

"Madame," said Girard, "it was an unpleasant occasion."

Retold by F. and G. Getlein in ***Christianity in Modern Art****, Bruce, 1961.*

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Classis Meetings

Classis Hamilton will meet in regular session on Wed., May 15, 1985, 9:00 a.m., in the Bethany CRC, Fenwick, Ont. Materials for the agenda must reach the **Stated Clerk,** by Tues., April 16.

John W. Jongsma, Stated Clerk.

Classis Quinte will meet in regular session on Tues., May 14, 9:30 a.m., at the Grace CRC, Cobourg, Ont. All materials for the agenda should reach the **Stated Clerk** by April 1.

Peter J. De Vries, Stated Clerk

Rime or Reason

Pastor Pete, resplendent
in his ministerial finery,
seemed like the main event
in a very special liturgy.

Klaas Sis

Most change today makes people
choke,
and *vox populi dixit:*
if we all know it just ain't broke
how come they want to fix it?

Sy Nodd

West German churches debate WWII Anniversary

HAMBURG, West Germany (EP) — How should German Christians observe the 40th anniversary of the end of World War II? Should May 8, the anniversary of Germany's surrender to the allies, be remembered triumphantly as a victory over Naziism, or mournfully, in commemoration of the millions of lives lost during the war?

This question has been the subject of world and West German debate as the anniversary of World War II's end approaches. East Germany is planning a liberation jubilee in conjunction with the Soviet Union. The West German Premier, Chancellor Helmut Kohl, has suggested that the Protestant and Roman Catholic churches hold an ecumenical commemorative worship service in Cologne cathedral.

However, a well-known West German Protestant theologian, Dr. Helmut Thielicke, has rejected the idea of an ecumenical church service. It would be "a hypocrisy to plan something like a uniform remembrance trying to encompass all groups within the German people." Because of the diverse experiences of Germans concerning this event, the commemoration should centre on "personal and private" reflections, he said. Thielicke has stated that West German leaders should "honour the date by keeping silent."

Protestant main-like churches and the Roman Catholic church have issued a joint declaration calling for "prayer and penitence, reconciliation and confidence in God on the way to the future." and are planning a joint ecumenical worship service for May 8, despite Thielicke's objections.

Geneva plans Reformation celebration

GENEVA — The city of Geneva is gearing up for a huge celebration in 1986 of the 450th anniversary of the beginning of the reformation of the church by John Calvin. A 50-member anniversary committee has announced that the celebration will extend from April through November, 1986.

The commemoration will consist of two phases. The period April-May will have a contemplative, historical and cultural character. An international congress will be held to which representatives from all large church bodies will be invited. The climax of the commemoration will come on May 21, 1986, with a special service in St. Peter's Cathedral in Geneva.

Events for the second phase are still in the planning stage. One event will be a mass meeting whose theme will be the Christian's involvement in the world of today in general, and in Geneva in particular.

"Reformed Alliance" desires own theological school

AUSTERLITZ, Neth. (RES) — Rev. L.J. Geluk, president of the Reformed Alliance (GB) in The Netherlands Reformed Church (NHK) in The Netherlands, would like the Reformed Alliance to have its own theological seminary. He declared this recently at a conference for ministers of the Reformed Alliance. At present, the pastors serving this group of churches receive their training at the state universities, none of which teach theology from the traditional Reformed perspective. This situation makes a thoroughly Reformed study of theology impossible, according to Rev. Geluk.

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Pastoral Pondering

Let kids be kids!

Peter W. DeBruyne

How many children's prayers did your parents teach you to say when you were small? No, I have no real objections to kids saying, "God is great! God is good! Let us thank Him for our food." But I am happy that more and more parents are letting their boys and girls pray in their own words, expressing to God what's really in their hearts or on their minds. Yes, it is important that we help our children speak to their Father in heaven in the most natural way.

I also believe, that it is important that we allow our children to answer our questions in a way that is true and sincere. I mean, we should never just demand the "right" answer, but we should let them tell us what they really know or feel or see. Let us help our kids to be honest in their speech.

The story is told about a minister who attempted to involve the kids in the worship service by having them guess the identity of a little animal that was part of his children's message. He asked, "What is it that you see scurrying around in the grass in parks?" Not one of the children answered. "Well, you may see them up in trees also?" Still nobody answered. "You know, it has a long, curvy and bushy tail?" No answer... Finally a little hand went up and a small girl said, "I think it's a squirrel, but I know the answer is Jesus."

Saying what's really there

There's something wrong when little children sense the need to give the "right" answer rather than say what's really there. There's something tragic about kids who are afraid to give us answers they think we don't want to hear. And there's definitely something dishonest about parents who tell their boys and girls to answer, "in church", when they're asked, "and where do you like to be most on Sundays?"

I remember how on a Thanksgiving Day, some years ago, I asked the children of our congregation to tell us what things they were really thankful for. I believe most of the kids gave the "right" answers, but some dared to tell us that they were grateful for their pets and birthday presents and candy bars. Of course, as mature Christians we know that the Bible and faith and eternal salvation are much greater gifts. But I'm sure it pleased God to hear some of His smaller children give answers which are generally not found on our conventional, programmed list.

I hope that in our fellowship all children may increasingly be encouraged to be true to themselves as they learn to pray to God and give thanks to Him who says, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them!"

Rev. De Bruyne is pastor of the 2nd Christian Reformed Church, Brampton, Ont.

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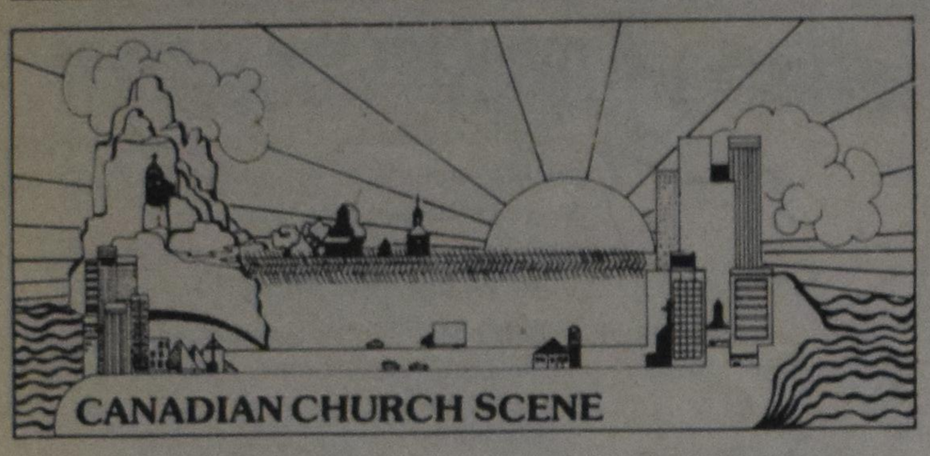

Student convention Urbana '84 (2)

A series on mission

Johan D. Tangelder

Elizabeth Elliot, who with her husband pioneered in Equador as a missionary, and is the author of several books on missions, focused on "submission" in a seminar attended by more than 7,000. She commented that the view of submission of many Christians has been infected by the secular world. She mentioned that her goal in speaking at Urbana was to reinforce the need to submit to the Bible's authority.

The modern feminist notions of equality are secular not Christian. Relationships between men and women are meant to be complementary, not equal. She advised men to be "the initiator of a relationship." "Women, you're the responders. Don't breathe down the men's necks." Elliot remarked that she sometimes feels like a small voice crying in the wilderness with her views. But she will continue speaking out.

Dr. Mariano DiGangi, professor of pastoral studies at the Ontario Theological Seminary and executive director of Bible and Medical Missionary Fellowship International/Canada, spoke from Romans, Paul's great Christian manifesto. He focused on being faithful in our commitment to the lost. Where does reaching the lost fit our priorities?

Urbana '84 paid special attention to the unreached people of the world. The latter are defined as those peoples/groups around the world who haven't yet heard the gospel. They are sometimes known as hidden peoples. Bringing the Gospel to them is often called

Johan D. Tangelder

frontier missions. There are an estimated 10,000 to 20,000 such groups.

As I read through the Urbana literature, I became impressed by the challenge to missions as a whole. Foreign missions is not the only task of the church. Wherever we are is a mission field. All are called. Some are called to go. All are called to pray. All are called to give.

The needs of the home front were not forgotten. John Kyle, the convention director, remarked, "The Great Commission is as true and real and authentic today as it was when Jesus set forth for us." How true! We must bring the Gospel to the lost NOW!

I hope that many Christian students will consider Urbana '87 as a place to spend a part of their Christmas vacation. They will never regret it. The topic for the next convention will be the urban scene, missions in the large cities of the world.

Johan Tangelder is pastor of the Christian Reformed Church in Strathroy, Ont.

Crystal Cathedral plans $10 million complex

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. (EP) — Continuing in his goal to build "the single most powerful inspiring family church in the world," Robert Schuller, senior pastor of the Crystal Cathedral, has announced plans for a $10 million family centre, a glass-encased prayer chapel, and a giant portable television screen for drive-in worship.

Speaking to more than 4,500 church members gathered at the Anaheim Convention Centre for the annual church dinner, Schuller described the 80,000-square-foot family centre which will include a full physical fitness department. The building will be four to six stories high, and will be built in reverse pyramid style.

A prayer chapel is also planned. The chapel has been designed by Philip Johnson, who created the Crystal Cathedral. It will be built on a small man-made lake. The chapel will have a glass ceiling, and a circular glass floor through which fish will be visible.

Another addition to the church is a giant TV screen, which will be part of the church's drive-in ministry. Schuller said an 11-foot by 15-foot Astrovision screen will provide a visual link between drive-in worshippers and the service inside the Crystal Cathedral. Schuller's Garden Grove church was founded 29 years ago as a mission at the Orange Drive-in Theater. First use of the screen will be on the fourth Sunday in March, to mark the 30th anniversary of Crystal Cathedral Ministries.

What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end ?

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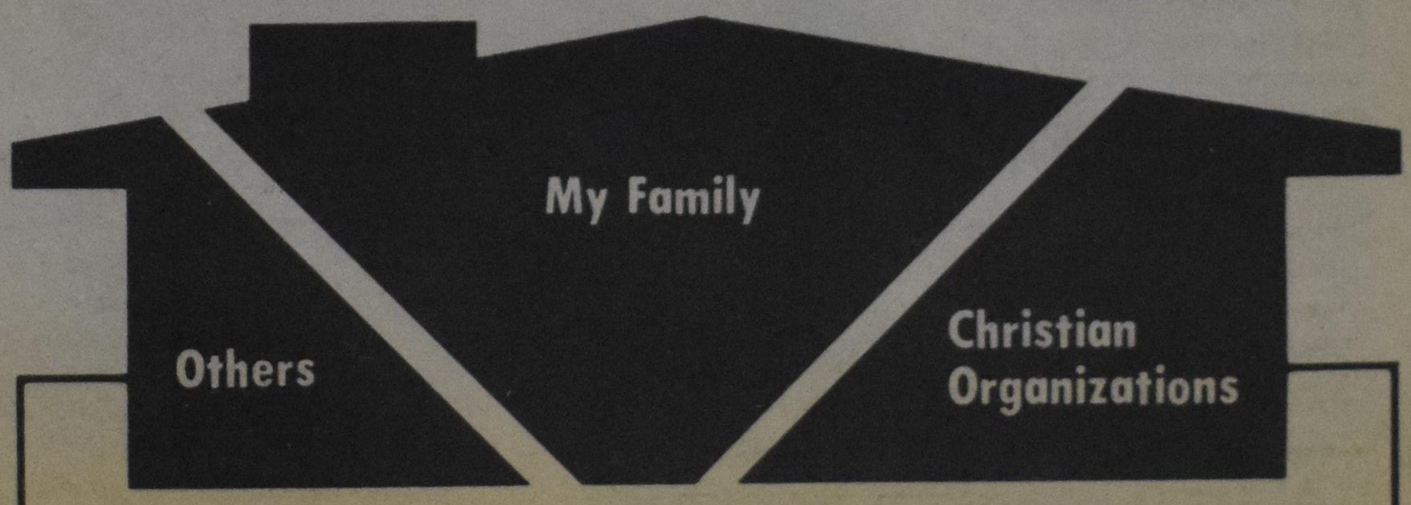

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Education

Henry de Jong, page editor

Central America

Henry de Jong

Durham Christian High School, in Bowmanville, Ontario, has been hosting special emphasis weeks for some years now. In the past these weeks have focused on such topics as Food and Nutrition, Work and Leisure and Life as Celebration.

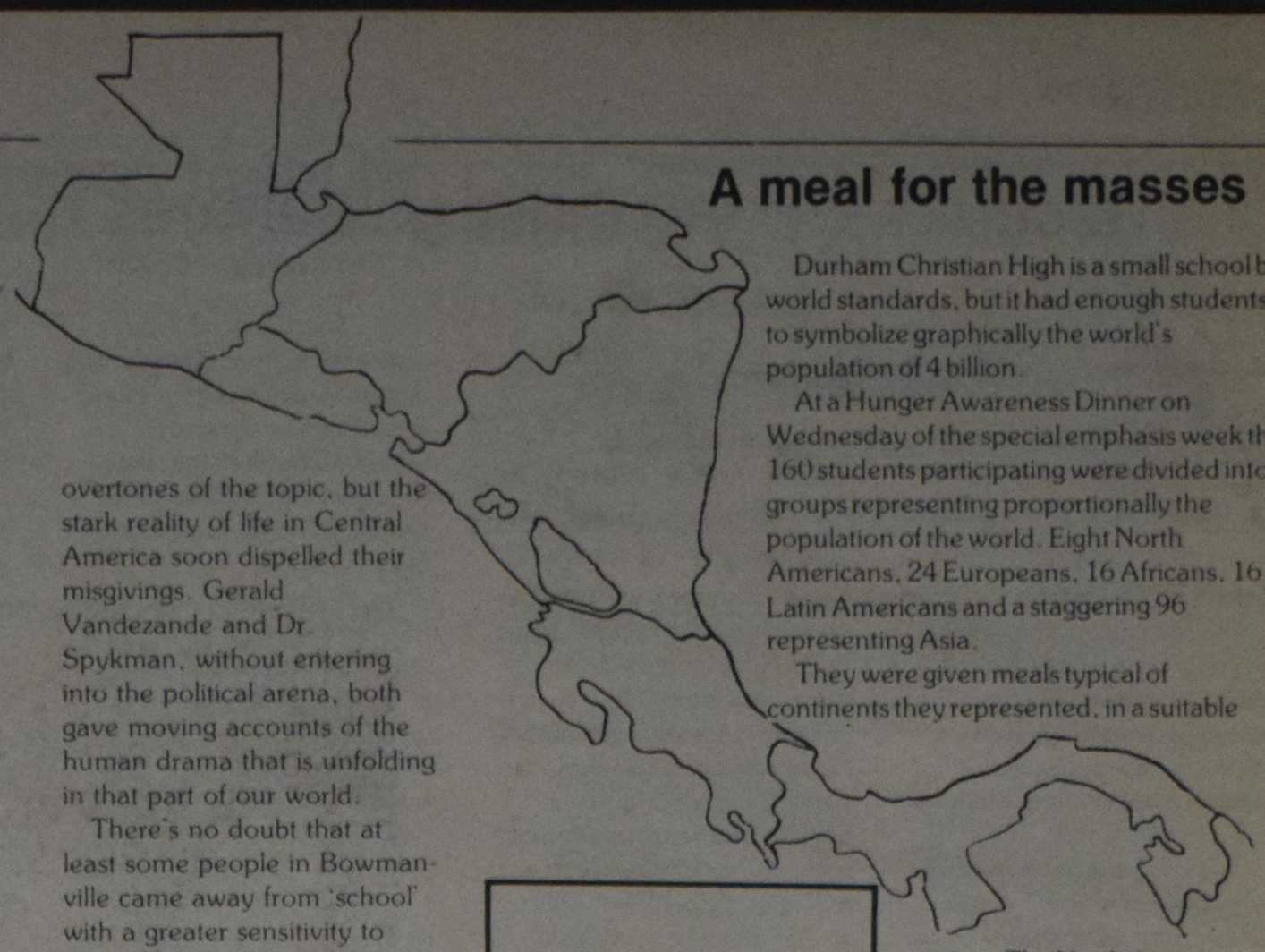
This year, during the week of January 21 to 25, Durham High set aside regular classes and opened its doors to students and visitors alike to explore the topic: "Central America; Our Third World Neighbours."

The first three days were filled with workshops, films, slide shows and speeches. Most of the speakers and workshop leaders had visited Central America themselves. The three main speakers were Gerald Vandezande, Dr. Gordon Spykman and John Hull. Among the workshop leaders were a Nicaraguan refugee, a CBC correspondent and a CRWRC worker.

On Thursday, after hearing the injunction "Think Global — Act Local," the students and staff were organized into groups of ten or so to go out into the community visiting and helping needy people. And then, on Friday, the students and visitors had a chance to evaluate and discuss the week's activities.

The response to the special week was favourable. Some people, parents especially, were a bit wary of the political overtones of the topic, but the stark reality of life in Central America soon dispelled their misgivings. Gerald Vandezande and Dr. Spykman, without entering into the political arena, both gave moving accounts of the human drama that is unfolding in that part of our world.

There's no doubt that at least some people in Bowmanville came away from 'school' with a greater sensitivity to their neighbours in Central America. And that sensitivity is bearing fruit already: soon after, plans were being made to sponsor some of the children of their new found neighbours.



A meal for the masses

Durham Christian High is a small school by world standards, but it had enough students to symbolize graphically the world's population of 4 billion.

At a Hunger Awareness Dinner on Wednesday of the special emphasis week the 160 students participating were divided into groups representing proportionally the population of the world. Eight North Americans, 24 Europeans, 16 Africans, 16 Latin Americans and a staggering 96 representing Asia.

They were given meals typical of continents they represented, in a suitable setting. The North American meal consisted of ham, potatoes, vegetables, rolls, green salad, and cream pie for dessert.

The European representatives enjoyed a lunch based on a Dutch menu: soup, sandwiches, and fresh fruit. There was plenty of food for everyone, and even some left-overs.

A simple meal of beans, rice and chicken broth with a glass of tomato juice was served to the Latin American group and even simpler fare was in store for the African group. They had a typically Nigerian menu of mashed potatoes served in a bowl with a slice of bread.

In stark contrast to the North American diners alongside, the "Asians" were crowded together on mats on the floor where they were given a meager ration of rice and a cup of weak tea.

The meal, says principal Ren Siebenga, was a turning point for many students. The reality of injustice in this world finally became clear when friends and classmates were arbitrarily cut off from each other and from the kind of meals that they were used to.

Many of the unfortunate "Asians," refused to participate. Others wandered around trying to filch food from the North American or European tables and, typically enough, were not terribly successful.

As teacher Henry Knoop pointed out, they did have a choice.

They could run to their lockers to get their own lunch or buy a chocolate bar to tide them over until dinner. The starvation multitudes in Africa and Asia do not have that choice.

Special Emphasis Weeks

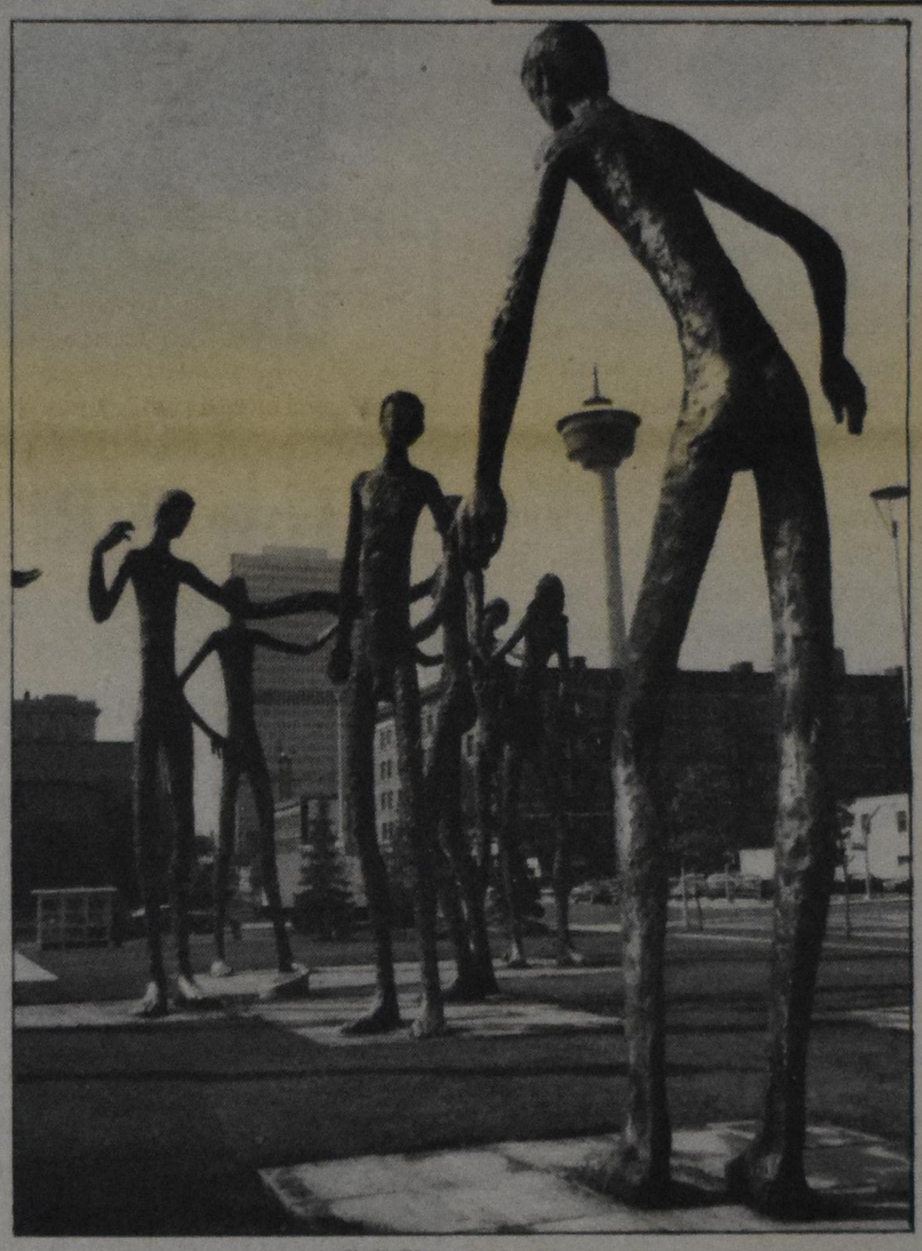
Focus on Calgary

For Calgary Christian School, their special emphasis week (three days actually, from February 4 to 6) was a first try, and the consensus has it that it won't be the last.

The school, offering grades Kindergarten through 12, is the second largest Christian school in Alberta, with over 450 students. The city, till recently, was one of the fastest growing cities in the country. What better topic then, than "Focus on Calgary?"

The week included walking and bus tours of Calgary, films, readings, and talks by some of the locals. Mat Foran told some 'Tales of Calgary,' and Bob Hawkseworth, an alderman, talked about building an Ideal City.

Included here are some of the students reactions to their experience of Calgary.



***Tall Figures** look out over the city of Calgary*

Personal reflections

In going downtown one tends to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the shoppers and of the money spending. The idea of looking and thinking about the various buildings and what they stand for seems totally absurd. Yet, with the special emphasis week activities, one learns to see Calgary in a different light, from a new perspective.

There are a lot of different shops along 8th avenue and the buildings that house these stores are quite old. I had not really noticed this fact before yesterday, when I gazed up at them and *really* looked.

Our city holds a lot of history in its walls. Some say we have no history, and no strong desire to preserve our past. Obviously, they have never walked around Calgary with their eyes and ears open. In my hours I noticed a lot of old buildings and sections of town that still stand, adding flavour to our culture.

Taking a bus tour through various sections of town was a new experience. It was definitely a lot of fun and interesting because we went to areas we normally do not visit, e.g., the industrial area. You somehow see how the whole city is joined by similar building structures, communication and transportation systems and people.

Hearing speakers was interesting as well. One caught the flavour of how others feel about the city. Each citizen obviously has equal rights to be expressed in the ways they think about Calgary.

We also saw minorities and the ways in which they live: winos, drug addicts, unemployed. They are all social outcasts. There seems to be no

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Feature

The Resurrection of Christ guarantees our future

(In connection with 1 Cor. 15)

J. Roshbeth

Easter addresses a difficulty that has occupied the minds of men and women of every generation: Is there life after this life? Is everything finished when we die? Whether openly discussed or quietly repressed, it is a question that has received all manner of answers. That's why I would like to attempt to discover how the Apostle Paul thinks about it.

It appears that in the congregation of Corinth, where Greek thought had wide influence, also among Christians, there were a number of members who denied the resurrection from the dead. It's quite possible that these people were Jewish converts who still thought along Old Testament lines or who were confused by the controversy between the Pharisees and the Sadducees (see Luke 20:27ff).

Socrates' view of death

Of course, Christians from non-Jewish background could also get stuck. In his famous book, *Phaedo*, the great philosopher Plato had made some powerful statements about the immortality of the soul. Socrates had taught Plato that the body was a "cage" or "prison" of the soul, which is perpetually inhibited by the body in its striving for full deployment. The typical Greek, therefore, saw death as a moment of liberation: the soul escapes its coercive cage and returns to its eternal homeland (interestingly enough, John Calvin expresses the same thought and even uses the same language in his *Institutes*, cf. I, 15, 2).

Socrates did not see death as a terrifying destruction but as something to be embraced as beautiful. Fear of death implied love for the body and slavery to the visible world. It is no surprise, therefore, to see him serenly drink his cup of poison while talking with his students about his friend, death.

On this view, Jesus was the very antipode of Socrates, calling death an "enemy." Jesus begged God to let the cup pass by when death was at hand. He was in great agony. While Socrates calmly continued his discussion about death with his students, the disciples of Jesus slept and deserted Him. Socrates drank his cup of poison calmly. But Jesus died while crying with a loud voice.

Resurrection versus immortality of soul

The Christian belief about a physical resurrection stands diametrically opposed to the Greek belief about the immortality of the soul that welcomes death as a kind of redeemer. Small wonder the intellectuals ridiculed Paul when he tried to speak about this very subject in Athens. It's quite possible too that among non-Jewish Christians in Corinth there were those who found it impossible to entertain the idea of a physical resurrection from the dead.

The painful part, I find, is that even today many Christians would rather believe an immortal soul than the resurrection of our soul and body. That really makes them more Greek than Christian. The body (with all its drives and desires) is considered inferior while the immortal soul is awarded high status. This makes for good pagan, and therefore bad Christian thought.

It is biblical to realize that we are destined for death with body and soul. The Scriptures do not consider our soul superior to our body, our soul is as mortal as is our body. We humans are the soul of our body and the body of our soul. Christ died for that total human being and conquered death by way of His death and resurrection.

Doubting Thomas**, Emil Nolde, 1912. Picture taken from **Christianity in Modern Art.

Modern versions of "heaven"

The Greek idea about the immortality of the soul has its own variations today. The biblical world-view of earth below and heaven above has more or less been abandoned. The idea of "going to heaven" has therefore been replaced by the idea of our soul continuing to live outside space and time. However, since our thoughts can only function within the categories of space and time, this area beyond space and time is still called heaven.

There have been the influences from the East, which convinced many that "heaven" is only a temporary station, since after a while we all must return to earth for another opportunity (and with another body) to do something good with our life and, if at all possible, to strive after increased perfection.

There are still others who believe that after death we will enter into a kind of purification-process, a Purgatory, during which our souls will be purged from all the evil things that would prevent entrance to heaven.

Then there are those who create a frightening amount of space for hell. For them, God is an eternal key-hole spy who makes meticulous notes as to our misdemeanours, regardless of size, usually resulting in eternal condemnation. This God moves them to live in constant fear, for after all, to them God is a severe and rigid Judge, whose grace is an exception rather than rule.

Particularly today, there are also those who claim that dead is dead, that all the fuss about life after death is an unsuccessful disguise of a wholesale attempt to frighten people and force them to live virtuously. A faith in heaven is still the opium of those who cannot handle the pain and sorrow of life. They know better! Death is no more than the logical result of life! Discussion closed.

Christ's resurrection is the proof

When Paul begins to speak about these things in 1 Cor. 15, he simply assumes as a given fact that Christ is risen from the dead. He says that our resurrection from the dead is the logical result of Christ's resurrection. The unassailable certainty of Christ's rising from the dead is proof for Paul that there is life after this life.

It usually is not such a *fait accompli* for us who live today. More often than not, we find ourselves identifying with the disciples, who couldn't believe that Jesus had risen, until He appeared to them as the Risen One.

Paul says, if Christ did not rise, our preaching is meaningless. So is our faith. We will end up staring at our messy lives without end, hope, or comfort. We'd also have to admit, says Paul, that those who did die in faith, also are a lost cause.

But Christ is risen! says Paul. He is the first of all those who will rise in due time. He then sums up the times Christ appeared to His disciples after His resurrection.

Just imagine, at one given time, 500 people saw Him at the same time. Moreover, Paul continues, He also appeared to me, *me* of all people, me who had rejected His resurrection as the greatest piece of nonsense ever devised by the human brain. But the fact that everything in my life has changed, and I mean everything, is only because Jesus proved to me He is the Son of God because He was stronger than death.

Death means being lost

What does it mean that Christ conquered death? In the Scriptures, 'death' and 'life' mean much more than a pulsing or nonfunctioning heartmuscle in our chest cavity. 'Death' means much more than a vegetative death. But the Old and the New Testament seem to identify death with being lost and wide off the mark.

The father of the lost son (Luke 15), having returned home, says, "This my son was dead." We would say that he had not been dead at all: he had merely sown his wild oats on the seamy side of life. The father insists: he was dead. And he adds, explaining, "he was lost."

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Focus on Calgary

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obvious place for them in our society. It's sad.

Central United Church is on the corner of 1st and 7th Avenue. On the outside it's just another brick building yet inside a special ministry is going on. We met a Chinese man named Max who explained what he did to help the social outcasts through various programs such as soup kitchens, Salvation Army, A.A. and the Food Bank.

It was three days not to be forgotten.

Lynnette Valstar, Grade 12

Care for Calgary

Our city is taking a dangerous route to the future. It is full of projects: buildings, restorations, improvements all cluttering the space, time and priorities of the people who live here. We drain our money into ways of making this a better city but on the way we trample over the small things that make a city a people-place. Our parks become run down and new ones are not made. Cars become the masters of our downtown. Beauty and peacefulness fall in the path of progress.

All is not yet lost. Our city is still young and relatively small. We can change our plans for the future and put our progress oriented projects into perspective with our need for beauty and pleasantness.

The people of our city all seem to be in a rush to get nowhere. Those who cannot keep up the pace fall to the wayside. I met many whose livelihoods collapsed under the steel and concrete of our jungle-like monument to progress.

I wish that the people of Calgary would slow down their life-styles and take time to care.

Steve Schoenhoff, Grade 11

The city

To me the city is a place where many people are brought together within a certain boundary. It is not a place where a whole bunch of people can have a giant yelling match. People should be bound together by love, not by hatred and hard feelings. But maybe this vision of peace is just a farce Christians believe. As Christians, we should show we are Christians by our actions, actions in love, not in hatred or grumbling. One of our speakers brought up the point that if you walk downtown with a smile on your face, you're considered weird or strange. I believe we as Christians should stand out and if that means smiling on the streets, we should by all means smile on the street.

Layne Kilbreath, Grade 8

Poetry

The third encounter

Imagine a lake. It is night.
Call the lake: "Galilee."
Peter has gone fishing
catching the cooperation of half
the disciples but none of the fish.

The sun begins to rise;
in the mist along the shore
a voice calls: My friends
where are the fish?

In the water.

Cast the net to starboard.

Fish, the net is full!

It's the Lord again! says John.

Peter hits the water
and heads shoreward.

Jesus near a fire on the beach
calls: breakfast time!

That's how it was
and after breakfast Jesus
began to fish:

Simon, you said you love me
more than the rest?

(Ah, he calls me Simon again).
Yes, Lord, you know I like you ..

Simon, do you truly love me?

Lord, you know I'm your friend.

Simon? My friend?

Lord, you know all about it.

Then follow me in life
and in my death.

Frank Sawyer

God, Are You Ever Sorry?

God, are You ever sorry
When You watch us here below,
That You let the King of Kings
Be humiliated so?
When His example is ignored
In our dealings with each other,
And saints no longer do commune
Brother striving against brother,
When we live as those immortal —
Dependency on Thee is lost,
God, do You ever wonder then
If it was really worth the cost?
When we, who know the story well
Of Love's greatest sacrifice,
With our tongues won't still the hammer —
Was our saving worth the price?

"Ah, child, you know not what you ask,
My thoughts — not those of sinful man,
Changeless My covenant remains,
Rejoice! for 'I am who I am'!"

Judy Lunshof,
Hamilton, Ont.

The Last Supper. *Andre Girard, contemporary French-American. Serigraph (silk-screen print); private collection.*

Don't blame it on the Jews, Lord
Jesus; they didn't do you in.
They aren't the ones who bribed the
judge.
And the spit on your face did not
come from them.
They did not hit you till you burned
with boils.
Don't blame it on the soldiers either;
they had nothing to do with the
sticks and hammers that rapped
you down.
The cursed logs of Golgotha were
none of their doing.
And they were not the ones who
threw dice for your robe.
It was me, Lord, it was me — I am
the one who did this to you.
I am the tree that knuckled you
under.
I'm the real reason you are tied up.
I am the nail and the crack of the
whip,
The bloodthirsty crown that
surrounds your head.
For all this has happened, alas!
because I, I have let you down.

— based on a poem by Jacobus Revius (1586-1658)

From: **What is Love**

Prelude in Procession

Come everybody,
Into the city,
Follow the One who
Rides through the gate.

Go on before Him.
Keep pace beside Him.
Follow behind Him.
All else can wait.

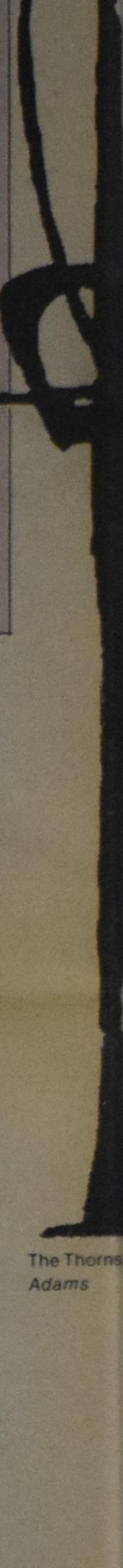
Spread out your garments.
Hold high your branches.
Lift up your voices.
Hosannah! Save!

Rhapsodic singing,
Jubilant praising,
Brief adoration,
Prelude His grave.

The Lord Almighty,
The King of Glory,
The Son of Man, the
Most High — the least.

God's Word is spoken.
Ancient doors open.
Behold the Lamb of
The Passover feast!

Tine Buma,
Brantford,



The Thorns
Adams

Triptych for Holy Week

I — Good Friday

They lugged it from the quartermaster's bin,
Those Roman privates — a regulation cross,
Stained with old blood and scarred by previous nails,
Its base gone black from other plantings.
Just one of many, it had no meaning then:
None stretched on it had lent it dignity or sense.
But when they nailed Him to it, expertly,
Guffawing over last night's lusty fun,
And propped it up askew atop Skull Hill
With sand and rocky shard to steady it
And He hung on it there — for me,
The stained, scarred, blackened beams
Turned symbol of the sin that bears me down
And love that lifts me up.

II — Black Saturday

A likely pair of undertakers, these:
Joseph, a secret lover, scared of the Jews,
And Nicodemus, who came first by night
(To guard his reputation) to be taught —
These two, setting aside their carefulness and fear,
When Sabbath loomed, pried out the crusted spikes,
Levered the body down with linen folds,
Rubbed it with Nicodemus's spices, myrrh,
Which magi long ago had brought
Knowing this death must come, dressed it in white,
And, watched by weeping Marys from afar,
Bestowed it in a handy, weekend tomb,
Brand new, which Joseph lent Him,
A temporary grave, to get through Saturday.
How good for innocence that it was new;
How Good for me that it was just three days.
Now, can I offer Him so clean a place
Or make my service such a fragrant deed?

III — Easter Sunday

Strange messenger, this Mary Magdalene,
To tell the news of morning-risen God.
Why not a heart-scarred mother, salve in hand.
Come to anoint her lately murdered Son?
Why not bold Peter, though slow of foot, fast-talking,
Or modest John, to whom He gave His mother,
Delinquent guards, scared off by quake and angel,
Or Jewish high priest, Roman governor?
No, none of these, but Mary Magdalene,
Hostess to seven devils, common wench,
Degraded, reputationless, by her late love
Exorcised and restored. Angels instructed her
And He Himself asked what she hunted for,
First speech with people since His coming back;
But she mistook her Lord, eyes blind with grief and glory,
Till He said, "Mary!" She fell and worshipped Him
And ran to tell the world that Love had won.
Why Mary Magdalene, unlikely choice?
If He could call her name, He can call mine;
If she might worship Him, then I may too.

Henry Ten Moor,
From: the Woodstock School Newsletter: Link

Hallelujah!
He is
risen!

The Cross and Pentecost

"Pilate also wrote a title
and put it on the cross;
it read: Jesus of Nazareth,
the King of the Jews ...
and it was written in Hebrew,
in Latin, and in Greek."
(John 19:19,20).

The deed is done ...
a curious crowd looks on
reading Pilate's epitaph:

Jesus of Nazareth; the King of the Jews!

The mockery of Rome
translated into the language of Zion
with scribes and sages seething:

Is that my King?

The foolishness of the cross
addresses a world in review;
Jerusalem, Rome and Athens:

And it was written in Hebrew, Latin and Greek.

Pilate's insult becomes God's laughter;
echoes of Pentecost,
with redemption awash over the world.

He is my King!

Wm. Suk,
Lent 1985

y Robert

Education — an Easter celebration

Fueled
by a million
man-made
wings of fire —
the rocket tore a tunnel
through the sky —
and everybody cheered.
Fueled
only by a thought from God —
the seedling
urged its way
through the thickness of black —
and as it pierced
the heavy ceiling of the soil —
and launched itself
up into outer space —
no
one
even
clapped.

Marcie Hans

We celebrate the great works of people — a walk on the moon, a breakthrough in medicine, and a new peace settlement. We stand amazed at the change that the micro-chip has brought about. We praise the development of the computer and enjoy the communication satellites that enable us to watch in the comfort of our own living rooms the Olympic skiing competitions thousands of kilometers away.

So we educate our young people and celebrate with them the progress made through advancements in knowledge and education. Look at the world we live in! Celebrate the giant steps forward! Marvel at the knowledge gained and power exerted!

But how many of us celebrate the Creator of it all? As Marcie Hans in the poem "Fueled" noted so keenly, no one even claps when a seedling is pushed by the Creator through the soil to become a plant which produces food for the hungry.

Yes, education is something to celebrate. Look, understand, rejoice! Celebrate the power and faithfulness of the Ruler of this universe. Our God controls the movements of the planets as well as the motion of the invisible electrons. He upholds the laws of photosynthesis so that green plants can keep on producing food and oxygen for us. His faithfulness is so great that we have learned to count on it to make predictions for tomorrow's weather, planetary motion and probable chemical reactions.

But there's more. Soon we'll have Good Friday and Easter. That's when we rejoice in Christ's victory over sin and death. That's when we celebrate the Saviour's renewing power over all of life — including our education. Fantastic, isn't it? He renewed not only our hearts, but also the entire scope of our lives.

As a Christian education community, we want to help our students explore and experience that renewing power of the Risen Saviour. Yes, in science, literature, geography, consumer education, etc. the Lord calls us to recognize His claim on our knowledge, our work and our tools. He asks us to obediently use each of those areas to His honour and for the welfare of our neighbour.

Such education is indeed something to sing about, something to celebrate!

Jim Vreugdenhil,
Principal,
Trenton Christian School

Easter song

Raised bodily, raised truly!
I call that the renewal
of colour, dance and song,
deep hope for the nations
and every believer suffering all
the deathly ruination
in this world so wrong,
so darkly wrong.

We have sung by graves,
the coffins ready to be lowered
into the musty earth,
but this is different.
If Christ be not raised
then we have no hope
in the circular ends of our days
while we fight for the final worth
of some tormenting tangent.

See, life returns to the flowers
and rivers of buoyant spring,
to man the wanderer and to
waves of the laughing sea,
to the promise that overtowers
history's old junk graveyard so fully
that angels continue to sing.

Frank Sawyer

The Dead Christ. *Norman LaLiberté, contemporary American. Felt banner; Rockefeller Chapel, University of Chicago.*

Jesus is dead

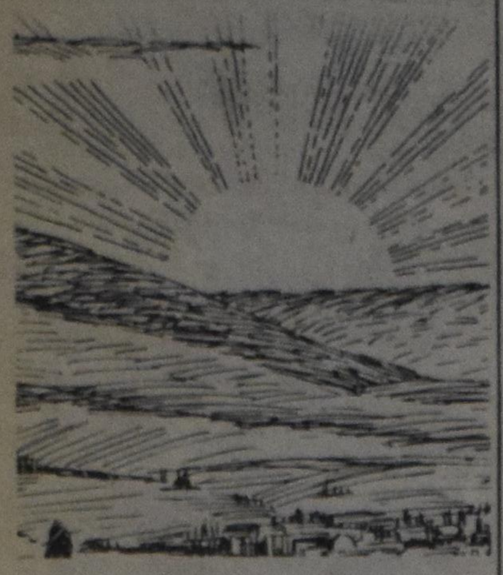
Jesus is dead,
said a child of six
when she came home from school,
and now I can't pray anymore.

Page such and such
of the story book:
the crucifixion.
To be continued.

Somber faces
on Good Friday,
as if no one
has yet heard
about Easter.

Poem by Geert Boogaard translated by Frank Sawyer
From: Alle dingen nieuw (Callenbach, Nykerk, Holland)

Easter morning



It was dark when my Mom flicked on the light in my bedroom. But I jumped out of bed in a flash. This Sunday morning we had to be ready for church before the sun rose. It was Easter morning.

The sunrise service was held every Easter morning in the old park near the centre of town. We went there often. In winter we tobogganed and skied down the big hill and in summer we'd cool off in the huge pool. But I'd never gone to church in the park before!

Dad parked the car in the lot at the entrance. We made our way up the hill to join the rest of the crowd just as the sun's first rays brightened the sky. My mind wandered to the time when Jesus had to climb a hill a long time ago, carrying a heavy, wooden cross on his back. That hill, just outside Jerusalem, was called Golgotha. There Jesus was crucified while the Jewish leaders and the Roman soldiers made fun of him. It made me sad to think about that. But I was glad that Jesus loved me enough to die on the cross to pay for my sins.

The service began just as we reached the top of the hill. By now the sun had risen and the damp, dewy morning no longer seemed so cold.

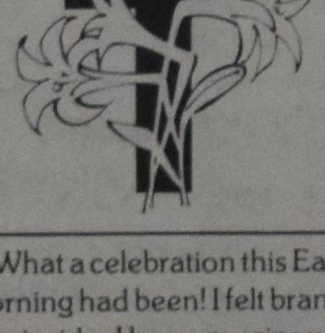
"The Lord is risen!" began the pastor.

"The Lord is risen indeed!" we responded.

I stood there trying to imagine the very first Easter: of the surprise on Mary's face when she found the tomb empty; the dazzling angels with their message that Jesus had really risen as He said He would. "It's all so amazing!" I thought.

"Even death and darkness could not hold Him," the pastor told the crowd. His happy voice matched his joyful message.

By the time we sang the last song of the service, the day was bright and warm. Everything outdoors seemed alive and fresh! The darkness of Good Friday's sorrow was gone now that Christ had arisen.



What a celebration this Easter morning had been! I felt brand new inside; I knew my sins were forgiven. As we drove home the triumphant Easter hymn rang through my mind.

"Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His name.
Spread the good news o'er all the earth,
Jesus has died and has risen!"
ALLELUIA!

A famous Easter play

Oberammergau is a village in Germany. Every ten years at Eastertime the villagers perform a Passion Play. A passion play tells the story of the life and death of Jesus. Oberammergau's passion play became famous and now people from around the world come to watch the performance staged in an outdoor theatre built especially for the occasion.

The custom began over 300 years ago when a terrible disease, the Black Death, caused many, many people to die. Whole towns were sometimes wiped out. Everyone was terrified that they too would catch the plague and die from it.

In Oberammergau the people made a promise to God. If only He would protect them from the Black Death, they would thank Him by performing a magnificent passion play every ten years.

The deadly plague never reached the town so the people performed their first passion play that year.

This is no small performance. Already a year before the performance, the men who will act in it begin to let their hair and beards grow; everyone that is, except the man who will be Pontius Pilate. In Jesus' time the Romans wore short hair and had no beards. The part of Mary is always played by an unmarried woman. There are jobs for nearly everyone in the village. Not only are many actors needed, but there are many things which must be done behind the scenes. New costumes need to be made, the outdoor theatre needs fresh paint and minor repairs. Many, many rehearsals are to be held until the entire performance runs smoothly. For a whole year the citizens of the village of Oberammergau prepare for the Passion Play.

Then twice a week, for the entire summer, when tourists from far and near gather, the play is performed.

The play at Oberammergau

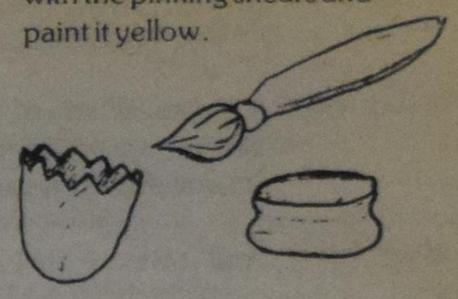
Hey Kids,

Spring is such a beautiful time of year. Nature seems to come to life again. The greys and whites of winter are replaced with a rainbow of vibrant spring colours. Spring flowers grown from bulbs are the first to poke their stems through the moist soil. The first ones are snowdrops and crocuses. Watch for them! Daffodils come a little later. Their brilliant yellow blossoms signal that spring is here to stay!

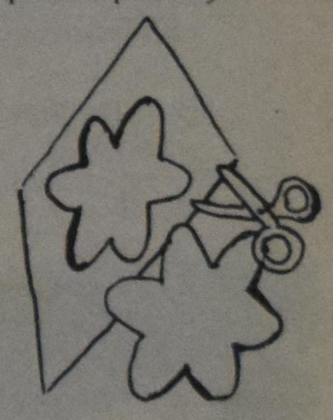
Make your own bouquet of daffodils to brighten up the kitchen table. You will need an egg carton, yellow paint, green pipe cleaners, some light cardboard and pinking shears.

Here's what to do:

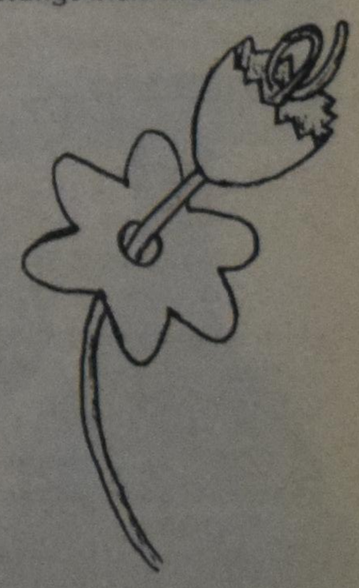
1. Cut the cup of an egg carton with the pinking shears and paint it yellow.

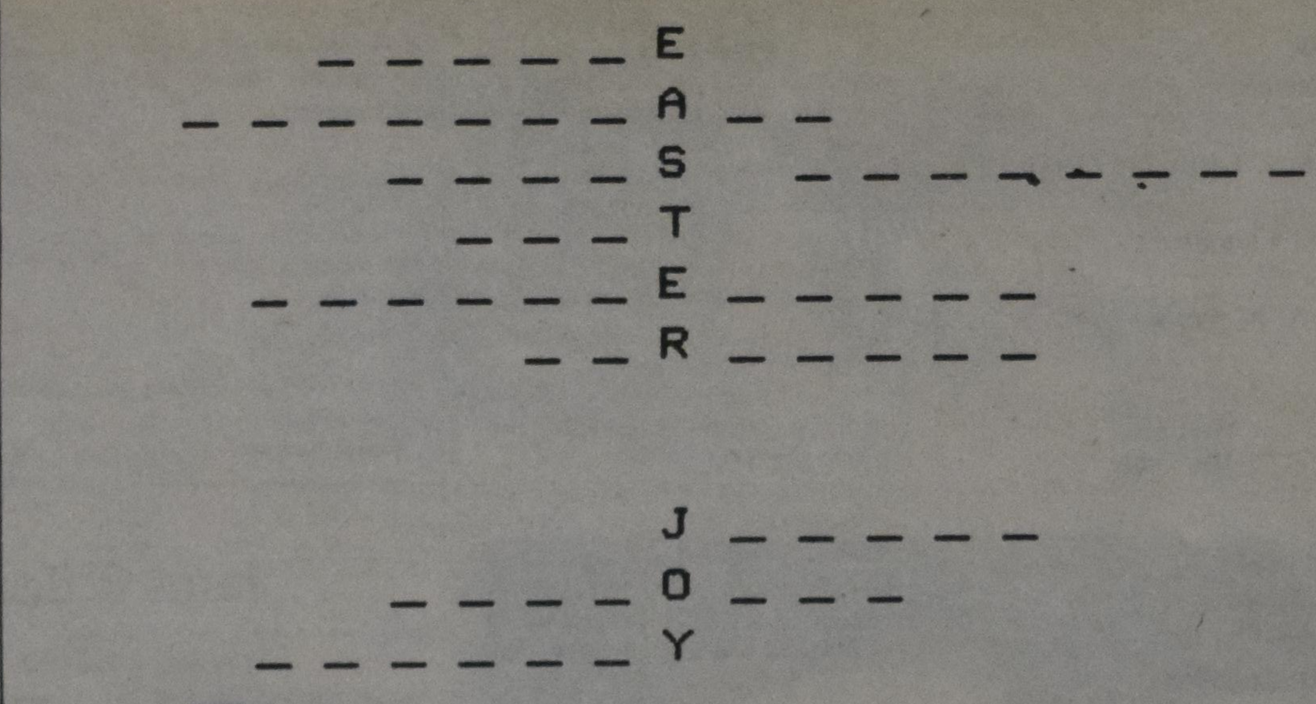


2. Cut the cardboard into petal shapes and paint it yellow too.



3. Knot one end of the pipe cleaner and push it through the egg cup and cardboard cutout. Make several daffodils and arrange them in a vase.





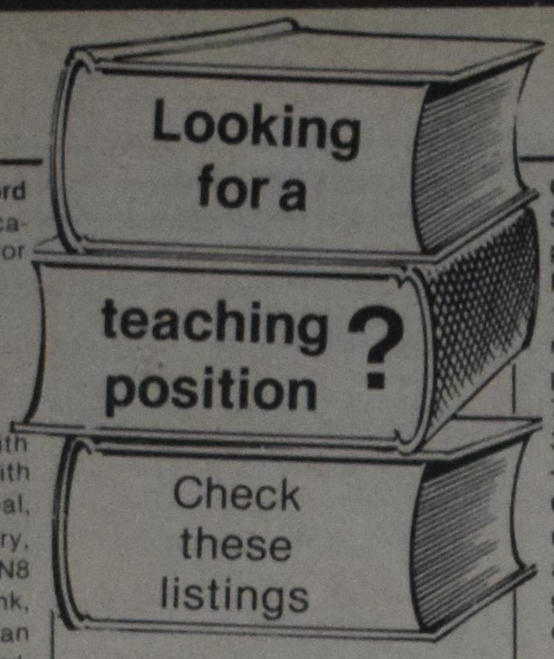
Clues:

1. _____ was the Roman governor at the trial of Jesus.
2. Jesus went to the Garden of _____ to pray.
3. _____ betrayed Jesus.
4. _____ is a period of about 40 days before Easter. It ends on Easter Sunday.
5. Jesus' _____ from the dead happened on the first day of the week.
6. _____ was the prisoner whom the people chose to set free instead of Jesus.
7. _____ of Arimathea took the body of Jesus from the cross, wrapped it in linen and laid it in his tomb.
8. On the evening before He was crucified, Jesus celebrated the _____ feast with His disciples.
9. Jesus was crucified outside the city of Jerusalem on a hill called Golgotha or _____.

Solution

1. Pilate 2. Gethsemane 3. Judas Iscariot 4. Lent 5. Resurrection 6. Barabbas 7. Joseph 8. Passover 9. Calvary

Classifieds



ABBOTSFORD: The Abbotsford Christian School invites applications for the following openings for the 1985/86 school year.
Elementary: Kindergarten
Intermediate
Secondary: Commerce
French
Send application along with resume and statement of faith to: Mr. J. Kampman, principal, Abbotsford Christian Elementary, Box 175, Abbotsford, BC V2S 4N8 or contact: Mr. J. Messelink, principal, Abbotsford Christian Secondary, Box 157, Abbotsford, BC V2S 4N8

AYLMER: Immanuel Christian School invites applications for a possible teaching position in **grades 3 & 4** and **Senior French,** for the 1985/86 school year. Please forward all letters of application and resumes to: Andy Vander Ploeg, principal, Immanuel Christian School, 75 Caverly Rd., Aylmer, ON N5H 2P2, or call collect: (519) 773-8476 (school), (519) 773-5009 (home).

BELLEVILLE: Belleville District **Christian School** will have a definite opening in the **primary grades,** with a possible opening in the **Junior grades,** for the 1985/86 school year. Please forward letters of application and resumes to the principal Martin VanDyk, c/o Belleville Distr. Chr. School, R.R.#5, Belleville, ON K8N 4Z5; Tel: (613) 962-7849.

BOWMANVILLE: Knox Christian School invites applications to fill an opening for **teaching principal.** Please forward letters of application and resumes to: Mr. Peter Zwier, Board Secretary, 11 Coleman St., Bowmanville, On L1C 1L3 or phone (416) 623-3957.

BRAMPTON: John Knox Christian School invites applications for openings in the **primary grades** or possibly **junior grades.** Please forward letters of application and resume to: Mr. I. Witteveen, principal, John Knox Christian School, 82 McLaughlin Rd. S., Brampton, ON L6Y 2C7; tel: (416) 451-3236.

BURLINGTON: The Trinity Christian School has possible openings at the **Junior & Intermediate** levels. Both experienced and inexperienced applicants are encouraged to apply. All letters of application should include a resume and a brief statement of the applicants philosophy of perspective on Christian Education. Send all correspondence to: Mr. A. Vanderlaan, prirícipal, 650 Walker's Line, Burlington, ON L7N 2E7, phone (416) 634-3052.

BURLINGTON: Trinity Christian School, invites applications to fill an opening for **½ time teaching principal** and **½ time administrative duties.** Please forward letters of application and resumes to: Trinity Christian School, 650 Walker's Line, Burlington, ON L7N 2E7; phone: (416) 634-3052.

CHATHAM: Calvin Christian School invites applications to fill a possible teaching position for **Kindergarten,** beginning September 1985. Please send application with resume to: Mr. John Postma, principal, Calvin Christian School, 72 Tissiman, Chatham, ON N7M 3V4. Phone: (519) 352-4980.

CHATHAM: *Small is beautiful.* We may be small but we can offer you: active students, challenging work, good facilities, dedicated supporters, a committed, hard working and congenial staff.
We're interested in you, if you: want to serve the Lord in teaching, have a reformational world view and vision, are, or want to become a good teacher. We have possible openings in **English** and **French.** Send applications including qualifications, experience and references to: Herman Proper, principal, Chatham District Christian Secondary School, 90 Park Ave., E., Chatham, ON N7M 3V4. Telephone: (519) 352-4591 (school) or 354-3021 (home).

DRAYTON: Calvin Christian School invites applications to fill openings in **Kindergarten to grade 4,** beginning September, 1985. For application forms or to submit a resume, contact: Jerry Ottens, Box 141, Drayton, ON N0G 1P0 or call: (519) 638-2935.

DUNCAN, BC: Duncan Christian School invites applications for a grades 5-10 **French teaching** position, for 1985/86 school year. Applications are also invited for possible openings in the **primary** and **intermediate grades** and a **social studies** position in junior secondary. Send resume and letter of application to: Mr. W. Van Deventer, principal, Duncan Christian School, P.O. Box 549, Duncan, BC V9L 3X9; tel: (604) 746-5341.

DUNDAS: Calvin Christian School invites applications for a **grade 4** teaching position for the 1985/86 school year only. (The current teacher will be on a 1 year leave of absence to complete her BA degree). There is also a possible opening for **grade 5,** as well as a definite opening for **grade 8.** Please send your letters of application or inquiry, including a resume indicating background and philosophy of education to: Garry Glasbergen, principal, Calvin Christian School, R.R.#2, Dundas, ON L9H 5E2, phone: (416) 627-1411 (school), 689-6259 (home).

FRUITLAND: John Knox Memorial Christian School has possible openings in **Kindergarten and Grade One.** Please send resumes to: Mr. J. VanBreda, principal, John Knox Memorial Christian School, Box 27, Fruitland, ON L0R 1L0. Phone: (416) 643-2460 or home (416) 643-4571.

JARVIS: Jarvis District Christian School invites applications from qualified teachers for a half-time **grade 3** and half-time **grade 7 & 8** position. This is a full-time position. Ability in music/choir an asset. Send applications to: Mr. Pete Weening, principal, R.R.#1, Jarvis, ON N0A 1J0. Telephone: (519) 587-4444 (school), (519) 428-0887 (home).

KITCHENER: Laurentian Hills Christian School has a possible opening for a **part-time, Special Education teacher** (Elementary). Starting September/85. Please send resume to: Mr. Evert Vroon, principal, 11 Laurentian Dr., Kitchener, ON N2E 1C1.

LUCKNOW: The Lucknow & District Christian School is seeking applications for a possible position in the **junior** teaching levels. Our school is a relatively new interdenominational school situated in the central Lake Huron region. Please address all applications to the school in care of: Mrs. Marilyn Campbell, The Lucknow and District Christian School, Box 550, Lucknow, ON N0G 2S0

NEERLANDIA, Alta.: Neerlandia School, Alberta, invites applications for a **grade 5** teaching position for the 1985/86 school year, as well as a possible opening for a Secondary **Language Arts** teacher for **grade 6-10.** Please send resumes and applications to Dr. H.L. Treleaven, Supt., County of Barrhead, Nr. 11, Barrhead, AB T0G 0E0 or phone John Piers, principal, (403) 674-5581 (school) or (403) 674-4308 (home).

NEWMARKET: Holland District Christian School will need a teacher for the 1985/86 school year. This can be a full or part-time position, involving any of the following: Regular classroom, Kindergarten, or Remedial. Please call the principal, as soon as possible, Mr. Hank Vandervecht, Holland Marsh Dist. Chr. School, R.R.#2, Newmarket, ON L3Y 4V9. Phone: (416) 775-3701 (school), (416) 775-2645 (home).

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ST. CATHARINES: Calvin Memorial Christian School invites applications for possible openings in the following areas: **primary, junior,** and also part-time **music** position. Please send letters of inquiry to Mr. Jack Zondag, 300 Scott St., St. Catharines, ON L2N 1J3. Phone: (416) 937-6302.

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WALLACEBURG: Wallaceburg Christian School. There are 2 possible openings, one is for a combination **principal/grade 7-8** and one for **grades 1-2.** Send resume to Ethel De Kooter, 277 River Dr., N., Port Lambton, ON N0P 2B0; phone: 519-677-5250.

WILLIAMSBURG: Timothy Christian School is in need of two teachers for September, 1985. (1) **Grade 3 & 4 combination** of approximately 25 pupils. (2) **Half-time grade 7 & 8** position, **principal relief** and **half-time remedial help.** Ability to teach French is a definite asset for one of the positions. Experience preferred. Please send your letters of application and resumes to: Mr. J. Kooistra, principal, Timothy Christian School, Williamsburg, ON K0C 2H0. Telephone (613) 535-2687 or 535-2152 (home).

WOODSTOCK: John Knox Christian School solicits applications for a **grade 2** teaching position for the 1985/86 school year. We also have a possible opening in one of the **senior grades.** Send resume to R. VanderPloeg, principal, c/o John Knox Christian School, 800 Juliana Dr., P.O. Box 243, Woodstock, ON N4S 7W8. Phone: 519-539-1492 school, 519-539-2117 home.

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Thanks

LANGENDOEN: We would like to thank all our relatives and friends for all the flowers, cards, and best wishes. A special thanks to all the children and grandchildren, for all they did to make our 50th Wedding Anniversary a special, unforgettable day. Above all, we thank God for His care and guidance through our life together.
Mr. and Mrs. Jan Langendoen, Sunset Homes, St. Catharines, Ont.

VLAAR: We would like to thank everyone for the many tokens of love and congratulations, by way of flowers, cards and best wishes which made our 50th Wedding Anniversary such a memorable occasion.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Vlaar, St. Catharines, Ont.

Births

DEKKEMA-ENGELSMAN: Our children Larry and Rosemarie made us very happy with the birth of a beautiful son. A gift of God, born March 5, 1985. They will call him COLIN ALEXANDER. Happy grandparents are Klaas and Engelina Dekkema of Newmarket and Leen and Grace Engelsman of Richmond Hill. Blessed great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. Dekkema of Richmond Hill and Mrs. G. Pypker of Brampton.
Home address: 10078 Yonge St., Richmond Hill, Ont.

DYKHUIS: Bill and Nell (Berg) Dykhuis rejoice in a new leaf on their family tree — they thank God for entrusting to them a son, JONATHON ROBERT, born at Lake View Community Hospital in Paw Paw, Michigan on February 21, 1985. Jonathon weighed 8 lbs. 13½ oz. and is 22 in. long. Happy grandparents are Fred and Clara Berg of Sarnia, Ont., and Art and Jan Dykhuis of Paw Paw, Michigan. Jonathon is a brother for Arthur Paul.
(Ps. 127:3).
Mailing address: 34093 Vauxhill Dr., Paw Paw, Michigan 49079.

LOBERT: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endureth forever" (Ps. 136:1).
Murray and Helen (nee Reitsma) praise God for the birth of their healthy son, KEVIN WILLIAM, born March 16, 1985, weighing 9 lbs. 4 oz. He is a grandson to Mr. and Mrs. M. Van Waveren of Zeist, The Netherlands, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Lobert of Burlington, Ont.
Address: 101-14919-51st Ave., Edmonton, AB T6H 4X8

With joy and thanks to God for entrusting us with our first child, we wish to announce the birth of ANDREW CALVIN. First grandchild for Arie and Ellen Van Eek, Waterdown, Ont., and fifth grandchild for Enno and Lenie Meijers, Sioux Center, Iowa.
March 7, 1985.
Calvin Van Eek & Gloria Van Eek-Meijers, 10 Garthdale Crt., #1, Downsview, ON M3H 5P8

Births

MULDER: With much rejoicing, we, Harry and Jane, praise and give thanks to our heavenly Father for blessing us with a second child, a beautiful daughter, SHEENA BETHANY. She was born March 2, 1985, weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz. Big brother Devin is quite impressed with the new arrival. She is the second grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. John Mulder of St. Catharines, Ont., and the fourth for Mr. and Mrs. Ben Vermeer of Lowbanks, Ont.
1274 Marygrove Circle, Ottawa, ON K2C 2C9

Marriages

DRUIF-VAN SOELEN: With joy and thanksgiving, Mrs. Riek Druif of Rockwood, Ont. wishes to announce the forthcoming marriage of her daughter, ANNETTE MARIE to WILLEM HENDRIK (Bill), son of Mr. and Mrs. Gil Van Soelen of Brampton, Ont. The wedding will take place, the Lord willing, on Saturday, April 6, 1985, at 3:00 p.m., in the Bethel Chr. Ref. Church, Acton, Ont. Rev. Jacob Kuntz officiating.
Future address: #102, 91 Kennedy Rd., N., Brampton, ON L6W 3G1

Engagements

KOSTER-GRAANSMA: Mr. and Mrs. Folkert Graansma of Strathroy, Ont., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, PATRICIA to LAMBERT KOSTER, son of Mrs. Margareth Koster and the late Mr. J. Koster. The wedding will take place, D.V., in East Chr. Ref. Church, Strathroy, Ont., April 19, 1985, 7:00 p.m. Rev. J. Tangelder officiating.
Future address: Mr. and Mrs. L. Koster, Drayton, ON N0G 1P0

Anniversaries

Zuidwolde Dr. Edmonton, Alta.
1945 April 6 1985
With happiness and thanksgiving we announce the 40th Wedding Anniversary of our parents,

HERMAN and GRACE BOSCHMAN
(Navis)

Their wedding text: "Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer" (Romans 12:12).
Children and grandchildren:
Gerard & Lilly Hoftyzer; Stephen, Grace, Gary — Frankford, Ont.
Hank & Gisela Boschman; Corina, Wesley, Carla
Harry & Grace Boschman; Timothy, Christopher, Micheal
John & Florence Boschman; Aimee — all of Edmonton
May God bless and keep them for many years to come.
Open House April 10, 1985 at their home from 2-5 p.m. with a family celebration being held later in July.
Address: R.R.#6, North Edmonton, AB T5B 4K3

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Anniversaries

1960 March 26 1985
"But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15b).
On Tuesday, March 26, 1985, the Lord willing, we hope to celebrate with our parents,

JACOB and WYBRIG DEVRIES
(nee Jansen)

their 25th Wedding Anniversary.
John & Hilda DeVries — St. Catharines
Alayne & Gil Langerak; Jared — St. Catharines
Harold
James
Loretta
Home address: 322 Colborne St., E., Oshawa, ON L1G 1M5

In praise and thankfulness to God for His good gifts, we announce the 25th Wedding Anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

STEPHEN and JENNY ELGERSMA
(nee Boersma)

on April 1, 1985, D.V.
May you have many more years together and may God's will be done in your lives.
Congratulations and much love from:
Marlene — Stratford, Ont.
Melvin & Sandy; Charlie — Cayuga, Ont.
Dwight — Dunnville, Ont.
Amanda — Hamilton, Ont.
Home address: R.R.#2, Dunnville, ON N1A 2W2

Anniversaries

1955 April 1 1985
"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).
With much joy and thankfulness to our gracious God and Father, we wish to announce the 30th Wedding Anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

RALPH and ANJE EEUWYK
(nee Klunder)

It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to bless you with many more years of love and happiness together.
Congratulations Dad and Mom, Opa and Oma with love from:
Yvonne & Bob DeVries; Leanne, Steven — London, Ont.
Ingrid & Wayne Klein; Adam, Joshua, Julie — Kitchener, Ont.
Peter — at home
Sonya — at home
Home address: 49 Villeneuve Cresc., London, ON N5V 1M7

1960 April 7 1985
"Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever" (Psalm 23:6).
We the children of,

JAN and META GRIFFIOEN
(nee Vanderheeden)

wish to rejoice with them on the occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary. We thank the Lord for you and pray that the Lord will continue to bless you with many more happy and healthy years to come.
Jack & Kim Griffioen
Janice & Raymond Miles
Marcia — home
Will — home
Open House will be held Saturday, April 6, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. at their home.
Home address: 1991 Powerline Rd., W., Lynden, ON L0R 1T0

1960 April 1985
"Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Col. 3:13).
With thankfulness to our Lord, for His love, we announce the 25th Wedding Anniversary of our parents,

JOHN and LAMMIE HUBERTS
(nee Zantinge)

Their children:
Roelie
William
Eliane
Henry
Brian
Allen
Open House, D.V., April 1, 1985, from 2-4 p.m., at the Chr. Ref. Church, Drayton, Ont.
R.R.#3, Moorefield, ON N0G 2K0

It is with great joy and thankfulness to the Lord, that we celebrate with our parents,

SYBREN and INA SLAGER
(nee Dekleer)

their 30th Wedding Anniversary on April 6, 1985.
It is our prayer that the Lord will bless them with many more years of health and happiness.
Love and best wishes from:
Pete & Pauline Slager; Becky, Jeremy, Matthew — Woodstock
Barry & Clara Horensma; Christie, Rosanna, Sarah, Junior — Woodstock
Robert & Marlene — at home

Anniversaries

On April 1, 1985, the Lord willing, we will be celebrating the 30th Wedding anniversary of our parents,

GERRIT C. and MARIA VAN EYK
(nee Leutscher)

Congratulations Mom and Dad, may you have many more.
William & Sylvia Van Wyngaarden; Bethany
Dick & Elaine Van Wyngaarden; Adam
Peter
Home address: 35 Avondale Ave., Brantford, ON N3S 4L7

Obituaries

On Sunday, March 3, 1985, the Lord suddenly took home our dear friend,

STINA JENNY DE KLERK
(nee Boverhof)

Loving wife of John De Klerk.
Dear mother of Kenneth, Karen and Sandra.

In memory of my friend Stina
As I sit by the window, and look up to the sky,
thinking about my friend, and softly I cry.
The Lord took her home suddenly,
without saying goodbye to me.
We have shared so many things in the past,
our work, our families, our faith, time went so fast.
The friendship, one can share in time of need,
in sorrow, or pleasure, is a friend indeed.
Arranging flowers, was one of her pleasures,
her friendship is something I'll always treasure.
I didn't take the time, as I should,
to spend with my friend, when I could.
Lord why did you take my friend away,
we still had so much to say.
God has gently called her home,
to be with Him, around His throne.
May He give peace and comfort, to John and family,
and I thank the Lord for the friendship,
that Stina gave to me.
Sadly missed by her friends,
Wilma & Ed Boorsma and family — R.R.#2, Dunnville, ON N1A 2W2

The Lord in His wisdom, took away from us, to be with Him, our faithful member,

CLARA DE PUTTER

We want to extend to the family our deepest sympathy. May the Lord comfort them.
The "Craft-group" for John Calvin Chr. School, Strathroy, Ont.

In full assurance of his faith, the Lord took home at His appointed time our faithful member,

Mr. RITSKE HOOGSTRA

We want to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Hoogstra and family.
May the Lord comfort and strengthen them.
March 9, 1985.
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Obituaries

Died peacefully after a lengthy illness, to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 15, 1985.

JOHANNA (Ann) DEJONG
(nee De Groot)

in her 51st year.
Beloved wife of John De Jong.
Dear mother of:
Nelly & Carl Gun
Margaret & Rich Irvine
Fred & Debby De Jong
Susan De Jong
Eda De Jong
Harry & Thessa De Jong
Ronald De Jong
John Jr. De Jong
Dear mother of the late Peter De Jong.
Dear grandmother of three grandchildren.
She will also be sadly missed by her mother of Prescott, Ont.
Also surviving are two brothers and one sister.
Thomas De Groot — Port Elgin
John De Groot — Mississauga
Nelly Streekstra — North Augusta.
Funeral service was held in the First Chr. Ref. Church of Orillia. Rev. G. Ringnalda officiated.
Mailing address: John De Jong, R.R.#7, Orillia, Ont.

"Be still and know that I am God ... the Lord almighty is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress" (Ps. 46:10,11).
Released from earthly strife and promoted to glory by his heavenly Father, our brother,

AREND M. LIEVERDINK

in his 50th year on March 7, 1985, in Calgary, Alta.
We praise God for peace and comfort given to his wife Wilma and their children.
Lovingly remembered by:
Beppe Tryntje DeJong
Stewart & Margaret DeJong — Chesterville, Ont.
Sietze Boonstra — Marum, Groningen
Douwe & Annie DeJong — Nykerk, Utrecht
Anno & Margaret Oosterhof
Tim & Shirley Hoogedoorn
Stewart & Diane Laanstra
Albert & Agnes Oosterhof — Abbotsford, BC
Ted & Tina Veenstra — St. Catharines, Ont.
and many nephews and nieces.
Wilma's address is P.O. Box 716, Rosebud, AB T3J 2T0

Wanted

Person to share driving and expenses to Coaldale, Alta. I am a male student who will be working on an uncle's farm. Leaving April 19, returning November 1. Please call: Roeland Van Oostveen, R.R.#3, Lakeside, ON N0M 2G0. Phone (519) 475-4589.

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Obituaries

On February 27, 1985, through a tragic accident, the Lord called home our dear granddaughter and niece,

HELEN MARIE ROETCISOENDER
(nee Kolkman)

in her 21st year.
Theunis & Helena Dragstra
John Dragstra
R.R.#2, Goderich, Ont.
Martha & Bill Herriott and family
R.R.#2, Terrace, BC

"As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:12).
On Monday, February 25, 1985, the Lord took home our husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather,

CLARENCE TUININGA

at the age of 91 years, 11 months.
Husband of: Trientje Tuininga-Wierenga — Neerlandia, Alta.
Father of:
Henny & Simon de Groot — Neerlandia, Alta.
Jelle & Henrietta Tuininga — Lethbridge, Alta.
Lambert & Betty Tuininga — Neerlandia, Alta.
James & Irene Tuininga — Chatham, Ont.
Edith & Bill Sinnema — Edmonton, Alta.
Anke Tuininga — Toronto, Ont.
Gordon & Marjorie Tuininga — Neerlandia, Alta.
31 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.
He also leaves one brother, James of Edmonton, Alta.
Funeral services were held on March 1, 1985 at 10:30 a.m. in the Neerlandia Chr. Ref. Church. Pastor Neil Vriend officiating.
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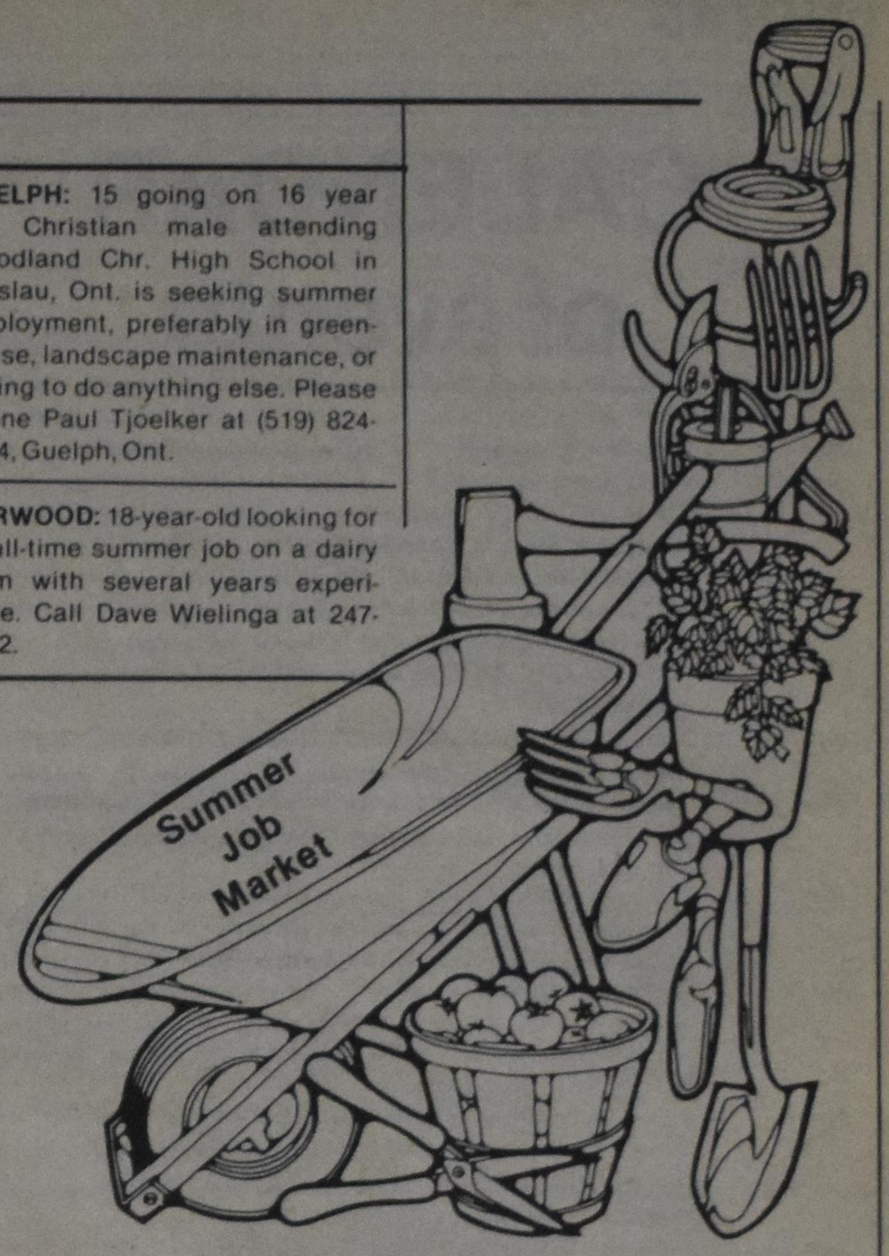

GUELPH: 15 going on 16 year old Christian male attending Woodland Chr. High School in Breslau, Ont. is seeking summer employment, preferably in greenhouse, landscape maintenance, or willing to do anything else. Please phone Paul Tjoelker at (519) 824-3634, Guelph, Ont.

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Let's avoid mistakes

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Let's do our best to avoid those mistakes. We count on your cooperation!

Stan De Jong,
Manager

Events

CALENDAR of events

Mar. 23 - Apr. 19	"Maps and Compasses: Charting our Course in a Changing World" sponsored by ICS, Toronto. Places: **Brampton** (Apr. 1), **Chatham** (Mar. 28), **Sarnia** (Mar. 30), **Willowdale** (Apr. 10), **Winnipeg** (Apr. 11), **Thunder Bay** (Mar. 23 & Apr. 13), **London** (Mar. 25 & Apr. 15), **Kitchener** (Mar. 27 & Apr. 17), **St. Catharines** (Mar. 29 & Apr. 19).
Mar. 29	Marian Van Til and Sharon Van Til Buwalda in recital at Maranatha CRC, **St. Catharines,** at 8:15 p.m. **Please note time change!**
Mar. 30	Annual Salem Conference, to be held at the Durham Chr. High School, Scugog Rd., **Bowmanville.** (See ad in Mar. 15/85 issue).
Mar. 30	Quinte Classis Elders Conference, at the Grace CRC, **Cobourg,** Ont. The speaker will be the Rev. C. Persenaire of Brighton; 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Mar. 30	The Calvin College Band, conducted by Dr. Derald De Young, on its spring tour to the eastern USA will make one stop in Ontario 8 p.m. at the Covenant CRC, **St. Catharines,** Ont.
Apr. 5	The Brampton Christian Choral Society, Praise the Lord, and the director, W. Hoekstra present an Easter concert on Good Friday, at 8 p.m. at the Second Chr. Ref. Church at Steeles Ave., W., and McLaughlin in **Brampton,** Ont.
Apr. 6	Adoremus and Maranatha Choirs under the direction of John Hunse, accompanied by Fred Numan and Hazel Snyder present an evening of Easter Music in the 1st Chr. Ref. Church of **Hamilton,** at 8 p.m. Free admission.
Apr. 11	Edmonton Chapter of the Reformed Fellowship Canada Inc. invites you to listen to Rev. Jelle Tuininga on the subject of the new hermeneutics at the **Edmonton** East Chr. School gym, 8 p.m.
Apr. 12	The Dutch Seven in Concert, at 8 p.m. in Central Presbyterian Church, **Hamilton,** Ont.
May 1-4	RACOM Tour to Grand Rapids, Chicago and Holland, MI. Hosts: Jack and Joanne Thalen. For more information phone (519) 824-7637 in Guelph.
Apr. 12 - May 4	The Jarvis Frisian Drama Club presents "In Fryer Mei Fratsen" in **Bowmanville** (Apr. 12, 8 p.m., Knox Chr. School), **Wellandport** (Apr. 13, 7:30 p.m., Chr. School), **Strathroy** (Apr. 17, 8 p.m., Adelaide/MacDonald School), **Chatham** (Apr. 20, 7:30 p.m., McNaughton Public School), **Woodbridge** (Apr. 26, 8 p.m., TDCH), **Jarvis** (Apr. 27, 7:30 p.m., Chr. School), **Kitchener** (May 4, 7:30 p.m., Woodland Chr. High).
Apr. 13	33rd Annual CLAC Convention. Registration 9:30 a.m. Banquet 6 p.m. Speakers: Ian Shugart, Bill Diachuk and Les Young. Edmonton Convention Centre, **Edmonton,** Alta.
Apr. 13	Annual Meeting of Redeemer College. Registration at 1 p.m. at the College. Mark this date on your calendar!
Apr. 14	Spring Concert by the Shining Lights choir of Aylmer, the Ingersoll CRC Choir and the Bel Canto Choir of London at 8:00 p.m. in the **Aylmer** CRC (corner of South St. & Caverly Rd.).
Apr. 14	Combined Concert — Acton, Clarkson, Georgetown, and Orangeville Choirs. Special guest soloist Reinata Heemskerk with Fred Numan on the organ; **Georgetown** CRC; 8:00 p.m.
Apr. 17	"Christians and Politics" — A Dialogue with Authors. Mr. A.G.S. Careless and Paul Marshall will speak on "Thine is the Kingdom," and Dr. Douglas Webster and Gerald Vandezande on "Christians in the Crisis." At ICS, 229 College St., **Toronto,** Ont.; 8:00 p.m.
Apr. 17	Concert: Reinata Heemskerk, famous alto from The Netherlands and Andre Knevel, organist, in Christ's Church Cathedral (James St.), **Hamilton,** Ont. at 8:00 p.m.
Apr. 18	Concert: Reinata Heemskerk, famous alto from The Netherlands and Andre Knevel, organist in Covenant Chr. Ref. Church, (Parnell Rd.), **St. Catharines,** Ont.; 8:00 p.m.
Apr. 18	Spring Meeting of the London Region of CRC Women, 8 p.m. at the Bethel CRC Fellowship Hall, **London,** Ont. Speaker is Dr. Henry J. Boekhoven on the topic: "Use of Our Talents in Today's World."
Apr. 18-21	Back to God Hour Rallies in B.C. and Washington. Dr. Joel Nederhood will speak on "New Life in Christ." **Lynden,** Wash. (Apr. 18, Third CRC, 7:30 p.m.), **Smithers** (Apr. 19, Pentecostal Church, 8 p.m.), **Duncan** (Apr. 20, Duncan CRC, 7:30 p.m.), **New Westminster** (Apr. 21, New Westminster CRC, 2:30 p.m.), **Abbotsford** (Apr. 21, Chr. Highschool, 7:30 p.m.). Special music by church choirs and highschool bands.
Apr. 20	Spring Concert in Trinity United Church, **Bowmanville,** Ont. by the Choirs and Orchestra under the direction of Leendert Kooij with Andre Knevel at the organ; 8 p.m.
Apr. 20	Spring Concert by the Bel Canto Choir of London, the Shining Lights Choir of Aylmer and the Ingersoll CRC Choir at 8 p.m. in the **London** Bethel CRC (716 Classic Dr., Gore Rd. west of Clarke Sideroad).
Apr. 20	The Ambassadors: **Remember** Holland's Liberation at Mohawk College, West 5th and Fennell, **Hamilton.** Tickets at $5.00 from Director Harold DeHaan at 330 Thayer Ave., Hamilton; phone 389-2104.
Apr. 20	A 40-year commemoration service and reunion of the Frisian Battalion is scheduled to take place for all ex-members at the Leeuwarden Military Air Base. Interested persons in Canada are requested to write to Mr. A. Wiersma, I Bogersman straat 31, 9291 H.B. Kollum, (Fr.), The Netherlands.
Apr. 21	Spring Concert by the Ingersoll CRC Choir, the Bel Canto Choir of London, and the Shining Lights Choir of Aylmer at 8 p.m. in the **Ingersoll** CRC (429 King St., West).
Apr. 24	Spring Concert. In Willowdale United Church, in **Toronto,** by the Choirs and Orchestra under the direction of Leendert Kooij with Andre Knevel at the organ; 8 p.m.
May 4	Spring Concert. In Exeter United Church in **Exeter** by the Choirs and Orchestra under the direction of Leendert Kooij with Andre Knevel at the organ; 7:30 p.m.
May 10	Christian Horizons Rally in St. Paul's United Church in **Brampton.** Speaker Rev. Noel Churchman. Special music by the choirs and brass under the direction of Leendert Kooij with Andre Knevel at the organ; 8 p.m.
May 11	Christian Horizons Rally in St. Paul's United Church in **Brampton.** Speaker Rev. Peter DeBruyne. Special music by the choirs and brass under the direction of Leendert Kooij, with Andre Knevel at the organ; 8 p.m.
May 10-12	Young Adult's retreat at Camp Shalom, **Cambridge.** Special teaching by Gerrit Verstraete titled "Led by the Spirit of God." Also prayer and music ministry. Fee $40. per person. Call or write Christian Communications Centre, 1735 Chalkdene Grove, Mississauga, ON L4W 2C2, tel: (416) 625-2262.

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Calendar of events explosion?

Sometimes we are just unable to find room for the items you sent in for our weekly "Calendar."

Today (March 22) — deadline for this issue — is one of those times. Sorry, we just had to eliminate some of the events in order to make things fit.

Furthermore, we can't have our layout person go into fits each week.

Don't worry! We keep all items and they will reappear next week. I hope.

Stan De Jong,
Manager

Congres in Augustus in Nederland

Van 26 tot 28 augustus 1985 zal een derde congres "Welkom in Nederland" worden georganiseerd in den Haag door de bekende vereniging "Nederland in den Vreemde."

Aan Zijne Koninklijke Hoogheid Prins Claus is gevraagd het congres op 26 augustus te openen. De Minister-president heeft zich bereid verklaard het congres op 28 augustus te sluiten.

In het programma is een discussie-middag over de problemen van Nederlanders in het buitenland opgenomen alsmede een z.g. informatie-markt resp. op 27 en 28 augustus 1985.

De discussie-middag zal worden ingeleid door een panel, waarvan het voorzitterschap door staatssecretaris Dr. W.F. van Eekelen is aanvaard.

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Events

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Ds. Jacob Kuntz van Kitchener hoopt voor ons te spreken. Kaarten aan de deur verkrijgbaar, voor lunch word gezorgd. Willen degenen die iets willen bijdragen voor het programma, contact opnemen met de leider Mr. R. DeBoer? Zijn tel. no. is **(416) 768-3634.**

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The Resurrection of Christ guarantees our future

... continued from page 9.

The lost son, when he literally and figuratively ends up with the hogs, says, "I'm perishing" and then says, "I will arise."

Death and lostness reach out for resurrection. When Jesus dies for us, He takes upon Himself our lostness, our missing the mark. And when He arises, it means that we no longer need miss our mark but, instead, rise up as having made a new start. The black pages in the books of our lives have been wiped clean and we're no longer merely destined for death.

Unfortunately, on this side of the grave we can't as yet walk through this world as perfect ones. But neither are we lost causes, with nothing but death-wages awaiting us for our failures. Death has lost its sting.

The future begins with Christ

If we want to say anything at all about the future after death, we must begin with Christ's rising from the dead. His physical resurrection has destined our body and our soul for a future that's good in every sense. Like knowing there's a vacation coming up, this knowledge makes us strong and courageous to face life squarely, waiting for the great future in which we'll receive a new soul and a new body. The Bible-writers only hesitantly approach this topic with stammering.

"Death and lostness reach out for resurrection."

If there's someone who hopes to be recognized by some who went before, I believe it's quite all right to have such hopes, although I wonder whether we've known each other well enough in this life to justify such recognition. However, the future in heaven will be, there's nothing disastrous about imagining the very epitomy of beauty: it likely will be completely different anyhow!

What *is* certain is that we, whether still living or dead, have a future. And how!

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Results: 1984 Group A

P.W. Lamain ½ K. Amsinga ½

1984 Group B

J. Eisen 1 R. Boer 0

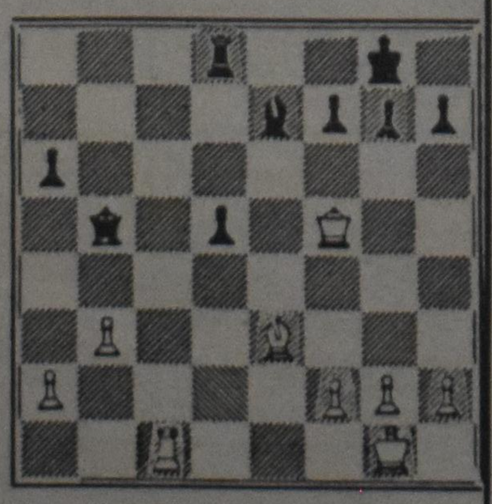
One game is to be finished in Group A and two in Group B before the Finals can begin.

GAME: Pawn Goblers

The following position was reached in the 1984 contest between P.W. Lamain and K. Amsinga. Queen and Rook endings are most difficult to play because these pieces are very strong and can threaten defenseless Pawns quickly. The game below amply illustrates what can happen. Note also the strong Queen-Bishop interactions.

White	Black
P.W. Lamain	**K. Amsinga**
27. R-B7,	Q-R4;
28. R-B1,	QxP; (Pawn #1)
29. P-N3,	QxNP; (Pawn #2)
30. R-B8,	Q-N2;
31. RxR ch.,	BxR;
32. B-Q4,	R-QR4;
33. K-N2,	Q-B3;
Black is now on the defensive	
34. Q-K5,	P-B3;
35. Q-N8,	Q-B2;
36. Q-N5,	P-N3;
37. QxP ch.,	K-N2; (Pawn #3)
38. P-N4,	P-R3;
39. P-R4,	B-K2
40. P-N5,	P-P4;
41. Q-K6,	Q-Q1;
42. B-N6,	Q-QR1 ch.,
43. K-N3,	Q-KB1;
44. PxP ch.,	BxP;
45. Q-Q7 ch.,	K-R1;
46. B-Q4,	Q-N2;
47. BxB,	QxB;
48. Q-B8 ch.,	K-R2;
49. Q-B7 ch.,	Q-N2;
50. QxP,	Q-Q2 (Pawn #4)

Draw agreed to by both players. The position is even.



Black
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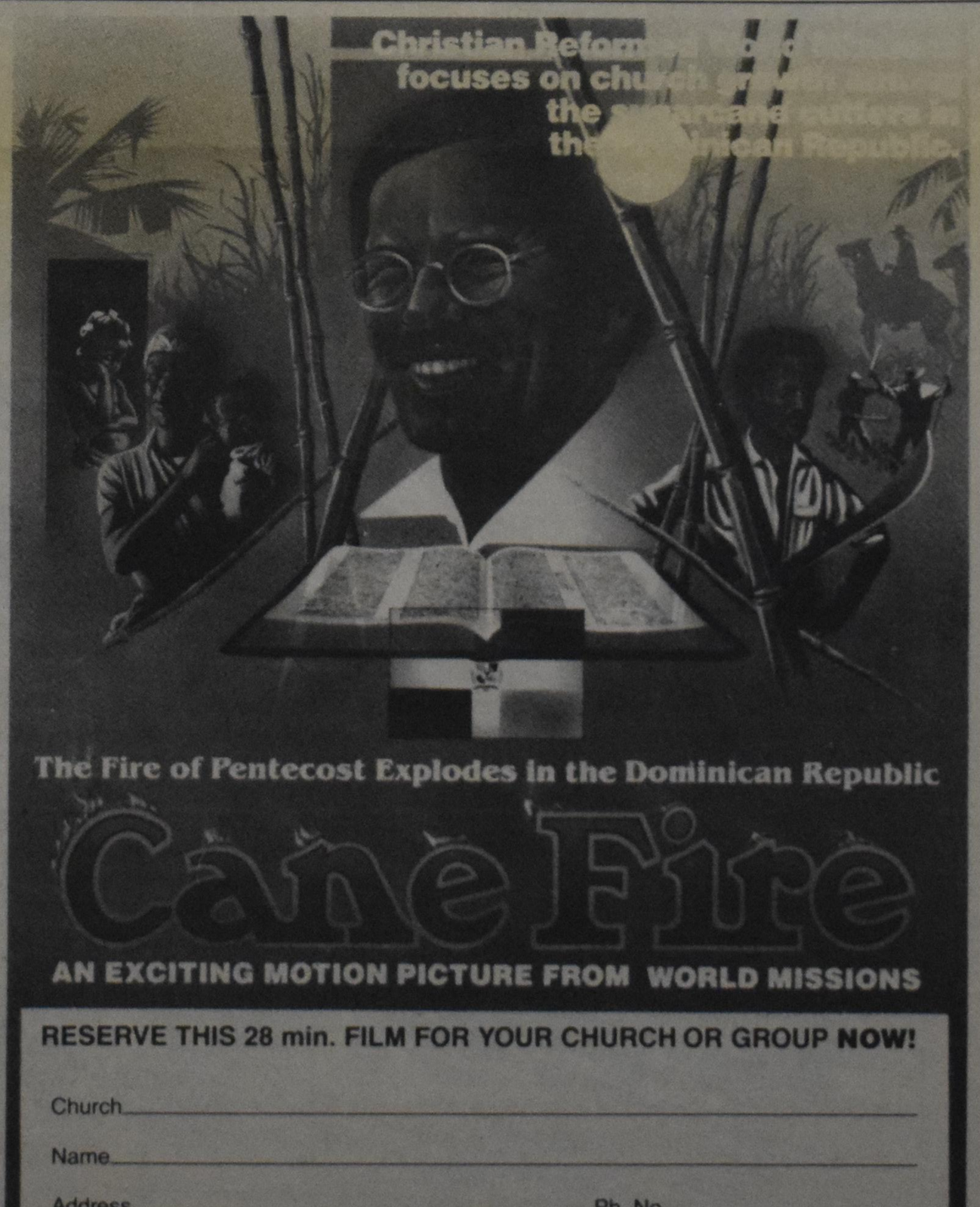
White
Position after Black's 26th move.

CORRECTION

The Queen Sacrifice game of Feb. 1 issue has a notational error. 2. P-KB3 should read: 2. P-KN3. Thank you Mr. V. for pointing this out.



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Dutch

Goede vrijdag in Santos

"... die voor hen gestorven is en opgewekt."
2 Corinthiërs 5:15
Lezen: 2 Corinthiërs 5:11-21

Goede Vrijdag is in Brazilië ongeveer de heiligste dag van het hele jaar. Toevallig waren we in 1976 op die dag in Santos, de grootste en drukste havenstad van het land. Maar in de havens en in de binnenstad lag alles volkomen stil. Tot 's morgens een uur of elf. Want dan begint de processie van "Senhor Morto," de "Dode Heer."

Van een groot crucifix in één van de r.k. kerkgebouwen wordt het corpus (het "lichaam van Jezus") dan afgenomen, daarna in een doodkist gelegd, en zo in processie naar een ander kerkgebouw gedragen. "Christus wordt opnieuw begraven"! Onder grote belangstelling!

Waarom eigenlijk? Omdat dit *volks*-katholicisme van Jezus-aan-het-kruis slechts het beeld heeft overgehouden van iemand, die het slachtoffer geworden is van allerlei slechtheid in de wereld. Zoals velen daar de dupe van worden.

Zo is het met Jezus ook gegaan. Tot Hij er ook aan bezweek. Het is diep-ontroerend dat men de pil van het eigen lijden op die manier verguldt. Met een zo schrale troost! Immers, zo blijft het kruis van Jezus in het duister van Golgotha gehuld. Zo wordt zijn graf nog altijd wenende bezocht.

Maar in het Evangelie staat het kruis steeds tegen de stralende achtergrond van de Paasmorgen!

Het Evangelie verkondigt geen "Dode Heer," maar Eén "die voor hen gestorven is *en* opgewekt."

Weet u wat Paulus hier als conclusie aan toevoegt? "Wij zijn *dus* gezanten van Christus ..."! (vs. 20). Gezanten, die hieruit leven! Ook voor anderen!

Genomen uit Dit Was Het Nieuws door Dr. J.C. Gilhuis en Gr. Gilhuis-Smitskamp.

Ach meester ...

Ach Meester, met de doornenkroon,
Gij hebt de pers alleen getreden,
alleen op Golgotha geleden,
de vloek gedragen, Gij, Gods Zoon.

Voor ons, die met verraad en hoon
U kruisigden, hebt Gij gebeden,
in eenzaamheid Uw strijd gestreden.
Gij, Meester met de doornenkroon.

En wij, wij zwerven, door de zorgen
en vreugden van vandaag en morgen,
uit Uw nabijheid steeds vandaan.

Meester, de diepte onzer zonden,
leer ons die door Uw smaad en wonden,
en door Uw doornenkroon verstaan.

Louis Praamsma (1910-1984)

Paasgroet uit Siberië

"Alleen als je om je geloofsovertuiging in een Russisch werkkamp gevangen zit, begrijp je pas werkelijk het mysterie van de val van de eerste mens, de diepe waarde van de verlossing van de hele schepping en de grote overwinning van Christus over de kwade machten.

Alleen als we lijden voor de idealen van het heilig Evangelie beseffen we onze zonde en zwakheid en onze onwaardigheid in vergelijking met de grote martelaren van de eerste christelijke gemeente.

Alleen dàn zien we de noodzaak van zachtmoedigheid en nederigheid. Als we deze gaven missen, kunnen we niet behouden worden.

Alleen dàn gaan we ook zien dat het onzichtbare, het eeuwige leven, belangrijker is dan het zichtbare.

Op Eerste Paasdag waren wij, die gevangen zitten vanwege onze geloofsovertuiging, allemaal verenigd in de vreugde van Christus. We werden allemaal beheerst door hetzelfde gevoel. We beleefden allen dezelfde geestelijke overwinning en verheerlijkten de enige eeuwige God.

Er was geen plechtige Paasviering met het geluid van kerkklokken, geen mogelijkheid om samen te komen in het kamp of om je feestelijk te kleden of om een paasmaaltijd te houden. Integendeel, er was zelfs meer werk te doen en we hadden zelfs meer problemen dan gewoonlijk. Alle christengevangenen, ongeacht hun kerkelijke achtergrond, werden extra in de gaten gehouden en werden vaker bedreigd door de kampbewakers.

Toch was het Pasen: groots, heilig, diep geestelijk en onvergetelijk. Dit werd bevestigd doordat de opgestane Heer Zelf bij ons aanwezig was — het werd ook bevestigd door de stille Siberische sterrenhemel en ... door onze smarten. Ons hart klopte van vreugde in onze gemeenschap met de Opgestane.

De dood is overwonnen, weest niet meer bang, een eeuwig Pasen valt ons ten deel!

Vervuld van dit heerlijke paasfeest zenden wij u vanuit ons werkkamp het heerlijke, vreugdevolle nieuws: Christos Voskres! De Heer is opgestaan!"

Deze brief werd geschreven door een onbekende christen-gevangene in een Siberisch kamp. Overgenomen uit: "The Orthodox way" door Father Kallistos Ware.

Overgenomen uit Kruistochten, Mei 1984.

MULTICULTURALISM.
De erfenis die ons Canadees maakt.

Er zit veel meer achter de multiculturele beweging in Canada dan alleen een minderheidskant. Het is de "Canadian experience" welke de grondslag gelegd heeft en nog voortdurend vorm geeft aan ons land. Het is de bezieling die Canada opgebouwd heeft en de droom die nieuwe Canadezen verwelkomt aan onze grenzen.

Daarom werkt het Canadese Gouvernement aan de mogelijkheid om alle Canadezen te laten delen in de voordelen van Canada's multiculturele erfenis en aan algehele en gelijkwaardige deelname in alle fases van het Canadese leven.

Door het beschermen van Canada's culturele verscheidenheid beschermen we de nationale identiteit van Canada.

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Pasen in Separacao

"Want ik verlang u te zien, om ... onder u mede bemoedigd te worden door elkanders geloof ..."

Romeinen 1:11,12.
Lezen: Romeinen 1:8-15

Paulus wil naar Rome. Niet met toeristische bedoelingen. Maar daar is één bezienswaardigheid, die hem fascineert. In het centrum van het machtige heidense rijk, waar deze evangelist eenzaam rondzwerft, is een gemeente van Jezus Christus ontstaan. Handelaars, zeelieden en terugkerende soldaten hadden daar het Evangelie doorgegeven. Zo had de Verrezen Heer zijn belofte waargemaakt: "Zie, Ik ben met u ..."

Overal in de wereld gaat het werk door. Ondanks alles. Wat een bemoediging! Daarom wil Paulus er heen: "Om bemoedigd te worden door elkanders geloof."

Die bemoediging kregen we ook mee bij een Paasdienst in Separacao, een klein plaatsje in het binnenland van Brazilië. Daar was ook pas een gemeente ontstaan. De Paasvreugde was er dan ook gloednieuw.

De zendeling verscheen er met doorweekte schoenen en in een broek die stijf stond van de modder. Gestencilde liturgieën werden er niet uitgedeeld. Hij had alleen een bijbeltje bij zich en een trekharmonica. Maar gezongen dat er werd! Aan de Schriftlezing deed ieder mee, ieder uit z'n eigen bijbeltje. Ook de man die van zijn kapotte bril slechts één glas overgehouden had.

Het kostbaar instrument werd, evenals de bijbeltjes en gezangenboeken, na afloop van de dienst zorgvuldig in een kartonnen doos opgeborgen. En zo aanvaardde hij met z'n gezin op een platte boerenwagen de 15 km lange terugtocht naar huis.

Bemoedigd door elkanders geloof verlieten we Separacao. Maar ook beschaamd.

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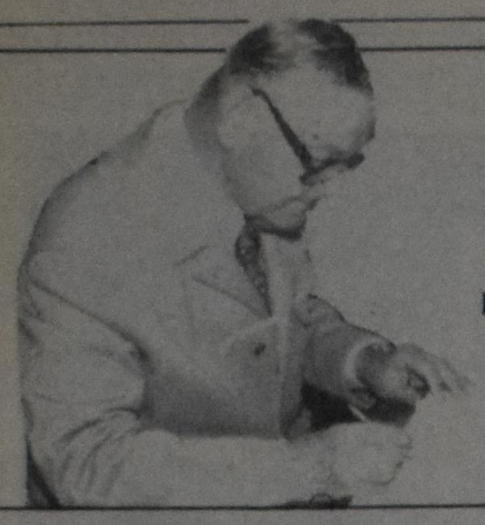

Building on the rock

Rev. Henry Van Andel

No greed

For the Gentiles seek after these things.
Matthew 6:32a

Christians should not worry about food and drink and clothing, because such worrying is a symptom of unbelief. The unbelieving world worries that way.

Not only poor peopie in the world are doing this. Also the rich. The necessities for a living have become the only purpose in life for these people. To have possessions is their highest ideal.

The main question in our secular society is: how shall we get more or how shall we get the most. For that purpose labour movements organize demonstrations and strikes and economic enterprises, trust companies and the so-called multinationals expand and absorb.

The emphasis in our text is on the word *seek*. The Greek word points to a chasing after, often regardless of other interests. In that way natural resources are exploited in spite of a destruction of God's creation. Often money power dominates over justice and even wars are started for pure materialistic reasons resulting in many sacrifices.

This evil tendency of our secular world often finds a responsive echo in our hearts. For many Christians it is also difficult not to crave after money. Sometimes we do it in a pious way and call the result of our money-hunger a blessing of the Lord. Are we free from this sin?

Let us never forget that Jesus says that greediness belongs to the lifestyle of the Gentiles. They were heathen people who served idols.

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'T IS BETER THUIS TE ZIJN

Medische verzorging van langdurige aard hoeft niet langer een verlengd verblijf in een ziekenhuis te betekenen. De meeste mensen knappen veel vlugger en beter op in de vertrouwde omgeving van hun eigen huis.

Het Ministerie van Gezondheid's "Home Care Program" kan door heel Ontario al de nodige verzorgingshulp onder uw bereik brengen — verzorging zoals verpleeghulp, lichamelijke en andere therapie, medicijnen, verband en medische artikelen, en laboratoria diensten. Waar nodig, hulp in de huishouding en maaltijden zijn verkrijgbaar bij plaatselijke verenigingen.

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Zo werkt het. Op advies van uw dokter wordt u toegelaten tot dit programma, òf vanuit een ziekenhuis òf vanuit uw huis. In consultatie met uw dokter zal een home-care-team dan de nodige verzorgingsdiensten beschikbaar stellen. Als u voldoende herstelt bent, wordt u ontslagen van dit programma en verwezen naar andere plaatselijke diensten die u nodig hebt.

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Retired — Why not write an autobiography?

George Kooiman

Read any good books lately? I just finished an extremely interesting, emotion-filled book. You probably haven't read it since there are only a few copies in print. This book, commemorating the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Clarence and Joyce Tigchelaar of Stoney Creek, Ontario is titled: *Dad and Mom Tigchelaar 1934-1984.*

It's nine authors are the members of the Tigchelaar family, and all contribute a condensed autobiography, highlighting events that played a significant impact on their lives. Dad and mom vividly portray their lives as youths with the many struggles before and after their respective immigrations from Holland to Canada in the late 1920's. They continually acknowledge God's hand in wonderfully fitting the pieces of their lives together. Their children recount humorous, dramatic, and emotionally events which left lasting impressions on their lives.

Favourite photographs complement the written reminiscing. This book is guaranteed to remain invaluable to succeeding generations. I urge all grandparents to write an autobiography, highlighting events you consider important as you see God's shaping your lives. I wish my grandparents did.